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## MINAMATA CONVENTION ON MERCURY KUMAMOTO, 10 OCTOBER 2013

STATE OF PALESTINE: COMMUNICATION 1

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

The above action was effected on 7 September 2020.

(Original: English)

"The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates of the State of Palestine presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in his capacity as Depositary, and has the honor to refer to depositary notification C.N.166.2019.TREATIES-XXVII.17, dated 10 May 2019, conveying a communication of the United States regarding the accession of the State of Palestine to the Minamata Convention on Mercury, dated 10 October 2013.

The Government of the State of Palestine regrets the position of the United States and wishes to recall the United Nations General Assembly resolution 67/19 of 29 November 2012 according to which Palestine was accorded a 'Non-member Observer State status in the United Nations'. In this regard, Palestine is a State recognized by the United Nations General Assembly on behalf of the international community.

As a State Party to the Minamata Convention on Mercury, dated 10 October 2013, which [entered] into force on 16 June 2019 for the State of Palestine, the State of Palestine will exercise its rights and honor its obligations with respect to all States Parties. The State of Palestine trusts that its rights and obligations will be equally respected by its fellow States Parties."

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15 October 2020

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Refer to depositary notification C.N.166.2019.TREATIES-XXVII.17 of 10 May 2019 (Communication: United States of America).