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Call for Information

I am directed to refer to your letter on the above subject matter and to inform you that the information currently available to us in respect of national actions taken to control mercury are as highlighted below:

- In order to obtain empirical and reliable data and information on the status of heavy metal releases in Nigeria, Government has proposed to carry out in 2010 a National Assessment of Heavy Metal Pollution with the ultimate aim of developing National Standards and Guidelines on Heavy Metals Management and Raising Public Awareness on the Environmental and Health Impacts.
- Government has also organized the Artisanal and Small Scale Gold Miners (ASGM) into Cooperative Societies under a World Bank funded project in order to educate and introduce them to modern and environment-friendly methodologies that will reduce/eliminate mercury releases into the environment
- Government has banned the importation and use of mercury containing cosmetic products in the country.
- 2. Please note that the Government of Nigeria will keep the Secretariat updated on other relevant information on mercury as it becomes available, to facilitate the upcoming negotiation process as appropriate.
- 3. Please accept the assurances of the Honourable Minister's highest consideration.

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For: Honourable Minister