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Notification that artisanal and small-scale gold mining and processing is more than insignificant within the Republic of Costa Rica

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Republic of Costa Rica hereby notifies the Secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury that artisanal and small- scale gold mining and processing in which mercury amalgamation is used to extract gold from ore is more than insignificant within its territory.

Yours faithfully,

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