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Subject: Notification that artisanal and small-scale gold mining (AGSM) and processing, is more than insignificant in Afghanistan

In my capacity as Minamata National Focal Point for Afghanistan and on behalf of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, I would like to notify to the Secretariat of Minamata Convention on Mercury that artisanal and small-scale gold mining (AGSM) and processing in which mercury amalgamation is used to extract gold from ore, is more than insignificant within its territory.

Sincerely,

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