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Dear

*Payet* :

**SUBJECT: ARTISANAL GOLD MINING IN KENYA**

Kenya is signatory to the Minamata Convention on Mercury. Kenya has also done a preliminary inventory of Mercury supply, use and emissions. It has determined that ASGM in Kenya's territory is "more than insignificant".

According to Article 7, Para 3 of the convention, Kenya informs the secretariat accordingly.

Yours

*Sincerely*  
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