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**Ms. Monika Stankiewicz**  
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**Minamata Convention on Mercury**  
**United Nations Environment Program**  
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**Dear Ms. Stankiewicz,**

**CHANGE IN ADMINISTRATIVE HEAD - MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND HOUSING**

In order to enhance the official communication between the Minamata Convention on Mercury and the Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas. I take this opportunity to advise that Ms. Janice Miller, Permanent Secretary was transferred from the Ministry of the Environment and Housing effective May 4, 2020.

Mr. David L. Cates has replaced Ms. Miller as Permanent Secretary. The Secretariat is being requested to update its database in this regard. The contact information for Mr. Cates is as follows

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The same is to be used in any official correspondence between the Minamata Convention on Mercury and the Ministry of the Environment and Housing.

We look forward to the continued support provided by the Minamata Convention on Mercury to the Government and people of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas.

**Sincerely,**

**David L. Cates**  
**Permanent Secretary**

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