La Misión Permanente del Ecuador ante la Oficina de las Naciones Unidas y otros Organismos Internacionales en Ginebra saluda atentamente a la Secretaría del Convenio de Minamata sobre el Mercurio, y cumple con informar que, de conformidad con el artículo 17, párrafo 4 del Convenio de Minamata sobre el Mercurio, el Gobierno del Ecuador ha designado al Abogado José Antonio Dávalos, Subsecretario de Calidad Ambiental del Ministerio de Ambiente, Agua y Transición Ecológica del Ecuador, para actuar como Coordinador Nacional para el intercambio de información en el marco de la Convención.

Al respecto, la Misión Permanente del Ecuador cumple con acompañar, junto a la presente comunicación, el formulario debidamente cumplimentado a fin de que se registre oficialmente el cambio de autoridad.

La Misión Permanente del Ecuador ante la Oficina de las Naciones Unidas y otros Organismos Internacionales con sede en Ginebra, al tiempo de agradecer se confirme la recepción de esta comunicación, hace propicia la oportunidad de renovar a la Secretaría del Convenio de Minamata sobre el Mercurio las seguridades de su más alta y distinguida consideración.

Ginebra, 9 de julio de 2021

A la Honorable
Secretaría del Convenio de Minamata sobre el Mercurio
Ginebra.
The Minamata Convention on Mercury requires, under its article 17, paragraph 4, that each Party designates a National Focal Point for the exchange of information under the Convention, including with regard to the consent of importing Parties under Article 3.

Non-Parties may also designate such National Focal Points, in particular to facilitate the implementation of the Convention's obligations on trade with non-Parties pursuant to Article 3.

States or regional economic integration organizations are invited to use the form below to designate their National Focal Point (see Annex I). This form should be completed and returned under cover of the official nomination letter from an entity duly authorized to communicate such information to the Secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury, i.e. the Government official contact point to the UN Environment Programme, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or the Permanent Mission to the UN in Geneva or to the UN Environment Programme (see model letter of nomination in Annex II) to the attention of:

The Executive Secretary
Secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury
United Nations Environment Programme
Postal address: Avenue de la Paix 8-14, 1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland
E-mail: mea-minamatasecretariat@un.org

The information submitted to the Secretariat regarding the designated National Focal Point will be made available on the website of the Convention at www.mercuryconvention.org.

Kindly note that self-nominations will not be considered.

For further information on the designation process, please do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat by e-mail at mea-minamatasecretariat@un.org.
ANNEX I - FORM FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE NATIONAL FOCAL POINT UNDER THE MINAMATA CONVENTION ON MERCURY

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Please tick as appropriate:

- [ ] First-time nomination
- [x] Replacement of current National Focal Point(s) *(indicate name(s))*: Carlos Velasco
- [ ] Additional nomination to current National Focal Point(s) *(indicate name(s))*: .............................................

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States/organizations who require to nominate more than one focal point are invited to submit one form for each designated individual and to specify the responsibilities of each focal point in the note section.

ANNEX II – MODEL LETTER FOR THE OFFICIAL NOMINATION

MINISTERIO DEL AMBIENTE

Ministry of Environment of Ecuador

The Executive Secretary
Secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury
United Nations Environment Programme
Postal address: Avenue de la Paix 8-14, 1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland
E-mail: mea-minamatasecretariat@un.org

July 9, 2021

Subject: Designation of the National Focal Point to the Minamata Convention on Mercury for Ministry of Environment and Water of Ecuador

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations in Geneva hereby notifies the Secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury that, in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 4 of the Minamata Convention on Mercury, the Government of Ecuador has designated, Mr. José Antonio Dávalos, Undersecretary of Environmental Quality of the Ministry of Environment and Water of Ecuador, to act as National Focal Point for the exchange of information under the Convention.

You will find attached to the present letter the completed designation form pursuant to his nomination.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

Ambassador Emilio Izquierdo
Permanent Representative
Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations in Geneva