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13 April 2023

Subject: Designation of the National Focal Point to the Minamata Convention on Mercury for the Republic of Palau

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Ministry of State of the Republic of Palau hereby notifies the Secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury that it has designated, in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 4 of the Minamata Convention on Mercury, Michael Blesam, Chief Executive Officer, Environmental Quality Protection Board 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]

Gustav N. Aitaro
Minister of State
Republic of Palau
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**Please tick as appropriate:**

- ☑ First-time nomination
- ☐ Replacement of current National Focal Point(s) *(indicate name(s))**: ROXANNE BLESAM
- ☐ Additional nomination to current National Focal Point(s) *(indicate name(s))*

**NATIONAL FOCAL POINT:**

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**NOTE:**

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**ANNEX I - FORM FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE NATIONAL FOCAL POINT UNDER THE MINAMATA CONVENTION ON MERCURY**

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