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MC-4/10: Gender mainstreaming

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Sustainable Development Goal 5 on achieving gender equality, adopted by the General Assembly on 25 September 2015 in its resolution 70/1, entitled "Transforming our World: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development",

Recalling also United Nations Environment Assembly resolution 2/5 of 27 May 2016, entitled "Delivering on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development", which, among other things, stresses the importance of respecting, protecting and promoting gender equality in delivering the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,

Recognizing that, notwithstanding the efforts of parties and the secretariat to promote gender equality, efforts are still needed to ensure that women, men, girls and boys from all parties are equally involved in the implementation of the Convention and are represented in its bodies and processes and thus inform and participate in decision-making on gender-responsive policies related to mercury,

Takes note of the gender road map of the Minamata Convention on Mercury, as set out in annex II to the note by the secretariat on mainstreaming gender,[1] and welcomes the secretariat's efforts to mainstream gender into its activities, projects and programmes;

Notes the importance of gender mainstreaming to ensure that men and women benefit equally from all activities, projects and programmes undertaken under the Convention and calls on parties to further promote gender equality in the implementation of the Convention;

Invites parties to support the secretariat in its efforts to mainstream gender into all activities to be undertaken by the secretariat as well as by parties and other stakeholders, including thorough the development of a gender action plan for the Minamata Convention during the biennium 2022–2023;

Requests the secretariat to continue collaborating with the United Nations Environment Programme, the secretariats of other multilateral environmental agreements and relevant partners in the field of gender;

Also requests the secretariat to report on the progress made in mainstreaming gender into the activities carried out under the Convention.

[1] UNEP/MC/COP.4/22.