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Work programme of the Implementation and Compliance Committee

Possible elements of a draft work programme for the Implementation and Compliance Committee of the Minamata Convention on Mercury[1]

Note by the Secretariat

1. The Committee may wish to consider at its seventh meeting elements for a possible work programme for the upcoming period, in particular between the sixth and seventh meetings of the Conference of the Parties and propose specific activities to be included in the Programme of Work for the 2026-2027 biennium to be considered by the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties The Secretariat has prepared the present note to support its discussions on the matter.

2. Firstly, pursuant to article 15, the Committee shall examine both individual and systemic issues of implementation and compliance and may consider issues on the basis of written submissions from any Party with respect to its own compliance, national reports in accordance with article 21 and requests from the Conference of the Parties. The Committee may hence include in its work programme these three elements that it may use as a basis for its work:

(a) Regarding written submissions from Parties with respect to their own compliance, the Committee may wish to bear in mind the need for possible additional meetings, depending on the number of submissions received.

(b) Regarding the consideration of issues on the basis of national reports in accordance with article 21, the Committee may wish to take into account the second full reports that are due to be submitted by parties by December 2025, as well as the process for their timely consideration.

(c) Regarding requests from the Conference of the Parties, none has been received so far. The Committee may discuss whether it wishes to make any related recommendation to the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The Committee could for instance discuss whether any particular issue may have been brought to the attention of its members that could benefit from its consideration in order to promote the implementation of the Convention.

3. In accordance with its rules of procedure, unless it decides otherwise, the Committee shall meet in person at least once between each ordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties (rule 9). As in the previous biennium, the proposed Programme of Work and budget of the Convention for the 2026-2027 biennium will be prepared by the Secretariat for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at

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[1] This document has not been formally edited.

its sixth meeting. The proposed budget will include funds to organize one three-day meeting of the Committee, as well as additional funds to cover costs associated with specific work identified by the Committee, such as specific activities related to Committee's recommendations to the Conference of the Parties, translation of submissions, and interpretation at the meeting (since the working language of the Committee is English). If the Committee were to identify at its seventh meeting the need to draw upon outside expertise, in accordance with paragraph 21 of its terms of reference, it may also wish to recommend that the Conference of the Parties identifies resources, subject to their availability, to cover the associated costs in the Programme of Work and budget of the Convention for the 2026-2027 biennium.