

Ref: MC/ES/2022/103

12 August 2022

Subject: Call for nominations to participate to the consultative process for the preparation of a gender action plan to be submitted for consideration by COP-5

Dear Madam/Sir,

At the second segment of its fourth meeting, which took place from 21 to 25 March 2022, the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury adopted decision [MC-4/10](#) on gender mainstreaming inviting Parties, *inter alia*, 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. Decision MC-4/10 also takes note of the gender road map of the Minamata Convention, developed by the secretariat in 2021 and submitted to the Conference of the Parties in working document [MC/COP.4/22](#) on gender mainstreaming.

Pursuant to decision MC-4/10, the secretariat is organizing online consultations for Parties and other stakeholders between September and November 2022 to receive input on a draft gender action, which was prepared by the secretariat thanks to the generous financial support of Sweden.

The draft gender action plan, incorporating the inputs received during the consultative process, is expected to be submitted for consideration by the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, which is scheduled to take place from 30 October to 3 November 2023 in Geneva.

I would appreciate it if your government could identify a representative to participate in this important consultative process. An agenda of the online consultation as well as other relevant documents will be shared with the identified representatives in due course.

Should you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact Lara Ognibene, Legal/Programme Officer, at lara.ognibene@un.org.

Yours sincerely,



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To: National Focal Points to the Minamata Convention on Mercury

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