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Geneva, 22 January 2024

**Subject:** Invitation to Parties and stakeholders to submit information and other contributions to support work under the Minamata Convention on Mercury following the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties

Dear Madam/Sir,

At its fifth meeting, which took place from 30 October to 3 November 2023 in Geneva, Switzerland, the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury (COP-5) adopted a number of decisions that invited Parties and other stakeholders to provide information and make contributions to the work of the Convention during the intersessional period.

I would like to acknowledge the active participation, spirit of collaboration and dedication of all Parties and stakeholders in the work leading up to and during COP-5 and sincerely congratulate you for a successful meeting.

With the aim of facilitating the preparation of responses to the various invitations and requests addressed to Parties and other stakeholders by COP-5, the Secretariat has prepared the enclosed Annex listing each of the COP-5 decisions and relevant calls for information and nominations, submissions, financial contributions and other engagement as contained in the decisions. The advance English version of the compilation of decisions adopted at COP-5 is available on the Minamata Convention [website](#). Decisions in the other UN official languages will be posted on the same webpage as soon as they are available.

The enclosed Annex also lists the contact point in the Secretariat for matters covered by the individual COP-5 decisions. Appendix provides the listing of elected officers.

I would also like to take this opportunity to inform you that the Secretariat has confirmed the International Conference Center Geneva as the venue for the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, which is scheduled to take place from 3 to 7 November 2025 in Geneva, in accordance with decision MC-5/21.

Furthermore, please be informed that the *Programme of work and budget for the biennium 2024–2025: Overview of the activities and budget planned under the Minamata Convention* is available on the Convention [website](#). The overview is based on COP-5 document UNEP/MC/COP.5/INF/36 and has been adjusted based on COP-5 outcome.

Should you have any queries regarding the information contained in the Annex, kindly contact the Secretariat at [mea-minamatasecretariat@un.org](mailto:mea-minamatasecretariat@un.org). Please note that this letter is also available on the Convention website under [Notifications](#) from the Executive Secretary.

I look forward to our continued cooperation and your active participation and contribution during the intersessional period.

Sincerely,



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Members of the Bureau of the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties  
Members of the official delegations participating in the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties  
Observers to the meetings of the Conference of the Parties

Cc: Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office in Geneva  
Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Environment Programme

Enc: Summary of the information and other contributions invited to support work under the Minamata Convention on Mercury following the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties



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## Decision MC-5/1: The effects of mercury pollution on Indigenous Peoples and on local communities

Type of action	Description	Main actors	Details	Timeline
Voluntary contribution to the Special Trust Fund	Parties are encouraged to support, as appropriate, participation of Indigenous Peoples' organizations, as well as local communities and other relevant stakeholders, in meetings of the Conference of the Parties, and in other related processes	Parties	Offers of funding to cover travel to COP-6 and other relevant meetings can be submitted to the Secretariat (indicative total amount needed is USD 50,000)	As soon as possible and preferably before 31 May 2025
(i) Submission of information; (ii) Voluntary contribution to the Special Trust Fund	(i) Indigenous Peoples, as well as local communities, will be invited by the Secretariat to provide views on the needs and priorities with regard to the effects of mercury on their health, livelihoods, culture and knowledge with a view to future work on identifying possible solutions  (ii) Parties, other governments and stakeholders in position to do so are encouraged to provide funding or in-kind contribution for this activity	(i) Indigenous Peoples, local communities:  (ii) Parties and others	(i) The Secretariat will invite Indigenous Peoples and local communities to submit their views  (ii) Offers for funding (indicative total amount needed is USD 10,000) and in-kind contribution to help the compilation and analysis of views may be sent to the Secretariat's email shown below	i) 2024 and 2025  ii) as soon as possible and preferably by end of 2024

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## Decision MC-5/2: Mercury supply sources and trade

Type of action	Description	Main actors	Details	Timeline
Submission of information	Parties are encouraged to report on all primary mercury mining activities being carried out in their territories, irrespective of their status as formal, informal or illegal, in their next national reports	Parties	National reports to be submitted in accordance with Article 21	The second short national reports were due by 31.12.2023
Submission of information	Parties that did not receive consent for all exports of mercury from the Party's territory are encouraged to provide more information, if any, in their next national reports, including on measures taken to prevent exports which are not in compliance with the Convention	Parties	National reports to be submitted in accordance with Article 21	The second short national reports were due by 31.12.2023
Submission of information	Parties are invited to submit to the Secretariat information on experiences and challenges faced in the implementation of Article 3 as well as information on activities undertaken in relation to the Bali Declaration on combating illegal trade in mercury to be compiled by the Secretariat for consideration by COP-6	Parties	Call for information to be issued by the Secretariat	By March 2025
Voluntary contribution to the Special Trust Fund	Parties, other governments and stakeholders in position to do so are invited to provide funding and in-kind contribution for developing guidance to assist Parties in identifying, managing and reducing mercury trade from primary mercury mining	Parties and others	Offers of funding (indicative total amount needed is 40,000 USD) and in-kind contribution for the study can be submitted to the Secretariat	As soon as possible
Voluntary contribution to the Special Trust Fund	Parties, other governments and stakeholders in position to do so are invited to provide funding and in-kind contribution to: draft update to the existing guidance on stocks adopted in decision MC-1/2; support Parties in better understanding the trade provisions and the use of trade forms adopted by the COP; and work on awareness-raising activities related to provisions of the Convention on allowed uses and sources of mercury	Parties and others	Offers of funding and in-kind contributions can be submitted to the Secretariat	As soon as possible



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## Decision MC-5/3: Study of the global supply, production, trade and use of mercury compounds

Type of action	Description	Main actors	Details	Timeline
Voluntary contribution to the Special Trust Fund	Parties, other governments and stakeholders in position to do so are encouraged to provide funding for the Secretariat to initiate a study of the global supply, production, trade and use of mercury compounds, to be presented to COP-6 for its consideration	Parties and others	Offers of funding (indicative total amount needed is 45,000 USD) for the study can be submitted to the Secretariat	As soon as possible

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## **Decision MC-5/4: Amendments to annexes A and B and the feasibility of mercury-free alternatives for manufacturing processes listed in annex B**

There are no requests for information related to this decision.

COP-5 decided to amend part I and II of annex A and part I of annex B of the Convention. The amendments will be communicated from the Depositary to all Parties at a later stage. The procedure for entry into force of the amendments of annexes is laid down in paragraph 3 and 4 of Article 27 of the Convention.

Further, the COP established that mercury-free processes for sodium or potassium methylate or ethylate production have become technically and economically feasible. Therefore, pursuant to Article 5 (3) and Annex B Part II of the Convention, Parties are not to allow the use of mercury in that manufacturing process after 3 November 2028.

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## Decision MC-5/5: Preparation of a report on cosmetics listed in part I of annex A to the Minamata Convention on Mercury

Type of action	Description	Main actors	Details	Timeline
Submission of information	Parties and relevant stakeholders are invited to submit information to the Secretariat on challenges in preventing the manufacture, import and export of cosmetics listed in part I of annex A to the Convention, as well as on current or proposed measures for addressing these challenges taken by Parties and others, including the Global Mercury Partnership	Parties and relevant stakeholders, including the Global Mercury Partnership	Secretariat will issue a specific call for information	By 30 June 2024
Review and comment on the draft report by the Secretariat	Parties and relevant stakeholders will be invited to comment on the draft report on cosmetics listed in part I of annex A to the Convention	Parties and relevant stakeholders	The draft report will be shared by the Secretariat	Draft report to be made available by 31 March 2025; commenting deadline TBD
Voluntary contribution to the Special Trust Fund	Parties, other governments and stakeholders in position to do so are invited to provide funding and in-kind contribution for drafting a report, compiling and synthesizing the submitted information, addressing topics such as, but not limited to, the following: phasing out sales and offers of sales of mercury-added cosmetics; strategies for discouraging the marketing, advertising and display of mercury-added cosmetics; advisories, detention lists and prohibited substances lists concerning mercury-added cosmetics; licensing and product ingredient	Parties and others	Offers of funding (indicative total amount need is USD 15,000) and in-kind contribution for the study can be submitted to the Secretariat	As soon as possible



	approvals for cosmetics manufacturing facilities; developing and implementing product safety pledges for online platforms; and raising awareness of the hazards of skin-lightening product			
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## Decision MC-5/6: Information on the economic and technical feasibility of mercury-free catalysts in vinyl chloride monomer production

Type of action	Description	Main actors	Details	Timeline
Submission of information	Parties and relevant organizations are invited to submit, on a voluntary basis, information on technically and economically feasible alternatives to the use of mercury and mercury compounds in vinyl chloride monomer production, in accordance with paragraph 8 of article 5 and paragraph 1 of article 17 of the Convention	Parties and relevant organizations	By email to Secretariat (see below)	By 31 March 2025

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## Decision MC-5/7: Artisanal and small-scale gold mining

Type of action	Description	Main actors	Details	Timeline
Submission of NAP	Those parties whose deadline for submission of ASGM National Action Plans (NAPs) has passed are requested to submit their NAPs to the Secretariat as soon as possible	Parties that have notified the Secretariat pursuant to Art. 7 (3)	By email to Secretariat (see below)	As soon as possible and as per Art. 7 (3)
Provide review of NAP	Those parties who have submitted a NAP are to provide reviews of the progress made in meeting obligations under Article 7 every three years following submission of the NAP.	Parties that have submitted NAPs	Included in national reports pursuant to Art. 21	As per Art. 7 (3)
(i) Submission of information (ii) Voluntary contribution to the Special Trust Fund	Parties, Indigenous Peoples, local communities and other stakeholders will be invited to provide information for the development of supplemental guidance on the effective engagement and participation of Indigenous Peoples, local communities and other stakeholders in the development and implementation of NAPs to be submitted for consideration by COP-6  (ii) Parties, other governments and stakeholders in position to do so are invited to provide funding and in-kind contribution for the development of supplementary guidance	(i) Parties, Indigenous Peoples, local communities and other stakeholders  (ii) Parties and others	(i) Secretariat will invite submission of information from Parties, Indigenous Peoples, local communities and other stakeholders to support the development of the supplemental guidance  (ii) Offers for funding (indicative total amount needed is USD 10,000) and in-kind contribution to help the compilation and analysis of information may be sent to the Secretariat's email shown below.	(i) 30 June 2024  (ii) As soon as possible and preferably before 31 August 2024

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## Decision MC-5/8: Implementation of article 8: emissions of mercury

Type of action	Description	Main actors	Details	Timeline
Submission of national plan	Parties that have chosen to prepare a national plan pursuant to Article 8 (3) but have not yet submitted the plan are called upon to submit it as soon as possible, noting that the plan is to be submitted no later than four years after the entry into force of the Convention for the party	Parties that have chosen to prepare a national plan	The national plan is to be submitted to the Conference of the Parties through the Secretariat. It can be emailed to the Secretariat (see below)	As soon as possible and as per Art. 8(3)
Submission of information	Parties with experience in using the <a href="#">guidance</a> adopted by the COP pursuant to Article 8 (8) and (9) are encouraged to provide the Secretariat with information on such experience	Parties with experience in using the guidance	By email to Secretariat (see below)	Information submitted by 31 March 2025 will be compiled for COP-6

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## **Decision MC-5/9: Guidance on the best available techniques and best environmental practices to control releases from relevant sources**

The Conference of the Parties adopted the guidance on best available techniques and best environmental practices to control releases from relevant sources and invited Parties with relevant sources of mercury releases to take account of the guidance when taking measures to control releases of mercury and preparing a national plan thereon, if any, pursuant to Article 9 (4).

The measures taken are to be reported as part of the national reporting pursuant to Article 21, including the next full reporting by 31 December 2025.

There is no specific request for information related to this decision.

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## Decision MC-5/10: Establishment of mercury waste thresholds

The Conference of the Parties established 15 mg/kg total concentration of mercury as the threshold for wastes falling under subparagraph 2 (c) of article 11 of the Convention, subject to the following provision (described in paragraph 2 of the decision).

A Party may, as an alternative to the threshold described above, use a different approach to determine whether a given waste is a mercury waste falling under subparagraph 2 (c) of article 11 of the Convention, provided that that Party has documented waste management measures in place to protect human health and the environment, including measures to ensure that mercury waste is managed pursuant to paragraph 3 of article 11, and also including measures to identify mercury waste using approaches such as those based on national definitions of mercury wastes or hazardous wastes, listing approach, hazardous characteristics or risk considerations, leachate thresholds or total concentration thresholds.

Specific follow-up actions are listed below. With regard to the point 3 below, the Secretariat will collect and organize the submitted information and distribute it to the Parties by 1 January 2025. Parties are invited to review that information in preparation for COP-6.

Type of action	Description	Main actors	Details	Timeline
Submission of information	A party making use of the alternative approach described in paragraph 2 of the present decision is to submit to the Secretariat its documented waste management measures as described in paragraph 2	Parties making use of the alternative approach	By email to Secretariat (see below). The Secretariat will create a public register on the Convention website and provide a template of submission that Parties may wish to use	As soon as the Party decides to use the alternative approach
Submission of information	Parties and relevant stakeholders are invited to submit any scientific and regulatory data and information on the effectiveness of the threshold established in Decision MC-5/10 in protecting human health and the environment, as well as on challenges and experiences related to its use	Parties and relevant stakeholders	By email to Secretariat (see below)	Prior to COP-7
Submission of information	Parties are invited to submit information regarding their waste management regulations and programmes as mentioned in Article 11 (3) (a), with a focus on matters not addressed by the technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes	Parties		By 31 October 2024



	consisting of, containing or contaminated with mercury or mercury compounds under the Basel Convention			
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## Decision MC-5/11: Review of the financial mechanism of the Minamata Convention on Mercury

Type of action	Description	Main actors	Details	Timeline
Voluntary contribution to the Specific Trust Fund	The Conference of the Parties resolves to increase efforts to augment the funding available in the Specific Trust Fund to support parties in undertaking critical implementation efforts in the second half of the initial period of the Specific International Programme (SIP)	Parties	Contribution to the Specific Trust Fund	As soon as possible
Implementation Support	Parties may make prompt and full use of the programming directions and resource allocation for the eighth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility trust fund, including with respect to undertaking mercury reduction activities in integrated programmes and within the biodiversity and climate change focal areas	Eligible Parties	Parties may work through their GEF operational focal points	The GEF-8 period runs until June 2026

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## Decision MC-5/12: Capacity building, technical assistance and technology transfer

Type of action	Description	Main actors	Details	Timeline
Voluntary contribution to the Special Trust Fund	Parties, other governments and stakeholders in position to do so are encouraged to provide funding and in-kind contribution for a desk study and case studies to be developed by the Secretariat on progress made in relation to, and the needs of Parties for alternative technologies, and any challenges experienced by Parties, to be made available to COP-6 for its consideration, pursuant to paragraph 4 of article 14	Parties and others	Offers for funding (total amount of USD 40,000 needed) and in-kind contribution the studies can be provided to the Secretariat	As soon as possible and preferably by the end of 2024

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## Decision MC-5/13: National reporting pursuant to article 21 of the Minamata Convention on Mercury

Type of action	Description	Main actors	Details	Timeline
Submission of information	Provide complete information on the number of facilities and on the estimated amount of mercury used in processes listed in part II of annex B to the Convention	Parties who have not provided complete information in their full national report	E-mail to the Secretariat indicated below (national reports will be updated accordingly)	As soon as possible
Submission of national reports	Submit first full national report	Parties who have not submitted the first full national report at the time of reporting	Online Reporting Tool	By 31 December 2023
Submission of MIAs	Complete and submit Minamata Initial Assessments	Parties who are developing their Minamata Initial Assessment	E-mail to the Secretariat indicated below	As soon as possible

Additional note: Parties to the Convention are to submit their second short national report for the reporting period from 1 January 2021 until 31 December 2022, by 31 December 2023. Pursuant to Article 15 of the Convention, the Implementation and Compliance Committee is to examine issues of implementation and compliance, *inter alia*, on the basis of national reports in accordance with Article 21. The Committee decided that its sixth meeting would be held online in 2024, and its seventh meeting would be held face-to-face in the first quarter of 2025, with the exact timing to be determined by the Secretariat in consultation with the Chair. The seventh meeting would be held in Geneva unless an offer was received from one of the members to host the meeting.

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## Decision MC-5/14: First effectiveness evaluation of the Minamata Convention on Mercury

Type of action	Description	Main actors	Details	Timeline
Nominations	Establishment of the Effectiveness Evaluation Group (EEG) to work in accordance with its terms of reference as set out in annex I to the decision	Parties; COP-6 Bureau	The Secretariat will issue an invitation to Parties to nominate members to the EEG	Nominations by 31 March 2024

Additional note: Parties and stakeholders may wish to provide input to the preliminary Article 21 synthesis report as contained in document UNEP/MC/COP.5/INF/23. The Secretariat will further develop the preliminary report based on comments received, for consideration by the Effectiveness Evaluation Group.

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## Decision MC-5/15: Gender action plan

Type of action	Description	Main actors	Details	Timeline
Submission of information	Parties are invited to share with the Secretariat their experiences and good practices related to carrying out activities, suggested in para 2 of annex I in <a href="#">UNEP/MC/COP.5/18</a> , to implement the gender action plan during the biennium 2024–2025	Parties	Call for information to be shared by the Secretariat	TBD
Response to a survey	Parties are invited to provide comments, as appropriate, on possible activities to implement the gender action plan to be carried out by the Secretariat, Parties and other stakeholders during the biennium 2026–2027	Parties	Survey to be shared by the Secretariat	First quarter of 2025
Voluntary contribution	Parties, other governments and stakeholders in position to do so are invited to provide funding to support the implementation of priority activities of the gender action plan for the 2024-2025 biennium listed in annex I in <a href="#">UNEP/MC/COP.5/18</a>	Parties and others	Offers of funding (indicative total amount needed is to 73,000 USD) and in-kind contribution can be submitted to the Secretariat	As soon as possible

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## Decision MC-5/16: Knowledge management

Type of action	Description	Main actors	Details	Timeline
Voluntary contribution to the Special Trust Fund	Parties, other governments and stakeholders in position to do so are invited to provide funding the digitization of Party submissions, starting with national focal point (NFP) information per Article 17.4. Establishing a digital method for obtaining structured data on NFP contact detail, changes would minimize errors in information copying and streamline workflows in managing NFPs information.	Parties and others	Offers of funding (total estimated amount needed is 45,000 USD) and in-kind contribution can be submitted to the Secretariat	As soon as possible and preferably by the end of 2024
Voluntary contribution to the Special Trust Fund	Parties, other governments and stakeholders in position to do so are invited to provide funding to support the development of a data-driven taxonomy to organize and analyze mercury-related information, enabling harmonized translation of Convention terms. Taxonomies are crucial for structured knowledge and data management through semantic frameworks, supporting intelligent search, multilingual content, and auto-tagging.	Parties and others	Offers of funding (total estimated amount needed is 45,000 USD) and in-kind contribution for the Convention's taxonomy can be submitted to the Secretariat	As soon as possible and preferably by the end of 2024
Voluntary contribution to the Special Trust Fund	Parties, other governments and stakeholders in position to do so are invited to provide funding to develop an information exchange platform in compliance with Article 17. The platform aims to foster collaboration among Parties and relevant organizations, including other MEAs, by providing a virtual space for sharing information, initiating discussions, conducting document analysis, and forming working groups on various thematic areas.	Parties and others	Offers of funding (total estimated amount needed is 65,000 USD) and in-kind contribution for the information exchange platform can be submitted to the Secretariat.	As soon as possible and preferably by the end of 2024
Voluntary contribution to the Special Trust Fund	Parties, other governments and stakeholders in position to do so are invited to provide funding to support the preparation of an e-learning strategy, material and interactive courses jointly with the chemicals	Parties and others	Offers of funding (total estimated amount needed is 30,000 USD) for e-learning strategy and	As soon as possible and preferably by the end of 2024



	cluster and InforMEA, seeking synergies on themes related to the implementation of the Convention, such as gender, biodiversity, climate change, and pollution.		material can be submitted to the Secretariat	
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## Decision MC-5/17: Mercury and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

Type of action	Description	Main actors	Details	Timeline
Implementation support	Parties are invited to coordinate, through their relevant experts, input to the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and other intersessional processes under the CBD to facilitate the consideration of additional indicators in the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, under target 7, to cover highly hazardous chemicals and mercury	Parties, through their relevant experts and National Focal Points to the Minamata Convention and the Convention on Biological Diversity	The Secretariat will communicate the COP-5 decision to the Secretariat of the CBD and liaise, as appropriate, to provide support to Parties for the consideration of appropriate indicators; Offers to support the participation of experts in the relevant processes to promote coherence across biodiversity and chemicals action (e.g., the Bern Conferences) may be sent to the Secretariat	Ongoing
Voluntary contribution to the Special Trust Fund	Parties are invited to provide funding to support the development of a draft road map, including possible actions and indicators, to support Parties in demonstrating and maximizing the co-benefits arising from the implementation of the Minamata Convention and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting	Parties	Offers for funding can be submitted to the Secretariat	As soon as possible and preferably before 31 August 2024

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## **Decision MC-5/18: Enhanced international cooperation and coordination**

In the decision, the COP called on Parties to take into account the strategic objectives and targets of the Global Framework on Chemicals – For a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste, in their actions to implement the Minamata Convention and requested the Secretariat to develop a proposal for activities of mutual support to the framework and the Minamata Convention for consideration by COP-6, among others.

No specific request for information is included in this decision.

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## **Decision MC-5/19: Cooperation and coordination between the secretariats of Minamata Convention and of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions**

In the decision, the COP requested Executive Secretary to continue and further strengthen cooperation and coordination with the Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions.

No specific request to Parties is included in this decision.

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## Decision MC-5/20: Programme of work and budget for the biennium 2024–2025

In the decision, the COP approved the budget for the General trust Fund for the biennium 2024–2025 of 8,401,554 United States dollars and adopted the indicative scale of assessments for the apportionment of expenses for 2024-2025 as set out in table 2 of the decision. The COP agreed to the estimates for the Special Trust Fund for the biennium 2024–2025 of 4,833,010 United States dollars.

Type of action	Description	Major actors	Details	Timeline
i) Contributions to the General Trust Fund; ii) Voluntary contribution to the Specific Trust Fund and the Special Trust Fund	i) Parties to pay their contributions to the General Trust Fund for 2024 as outlined in table 2 of the decision;  Parties who have not done so yet to pay their outstanding contributions to the General Trust Fund  ii) Parties to consider providing funding to the Specific Trust Fund and/or Special Trust Fund	i) & ii) Parties  iii) Parties, other governments and stakeholders in position to do so	The Secretariat will send out invoices for 2024 for the General Trust Fund and will follow-up on outstanding contributions; The Secretariat will also issue letters for fundraising for Special Trust Fund and Specific Trust Fund; Monthly reporting (via the Convention website) is done for the status of contributions	i) by January 2024 and at the latest by 31 December 2024  ii) & iii) as soon as possible
Junior Professional Officer	Parties may consider offering a Junior Professional Officer to support the operation of the Specific International Programme	Parties and other stakeholders in position to do so	Offers can be provided through the UNEP JPOs Portal; The term of the current JPO in the Secretariat, co-funded by Italy, ends in November 2024	Starting in 2024

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## **Decision MC-5/21: Dates and venue of the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties**

In this decision, the Conference of the Parties decided to hold the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties from 3 to 7 November 2025, in Geneva, Switzerland.

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