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Geneva, 27 March 2026

Subject: Amendments to annex A to the Minamata Convention on Mercury adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting (COP-6), held in Geneva, Switzerland, from 3 to 7 November 2025

Dear Madam/Sir,

I wish to inform you that, pursuant to Articles 26 and 27 of the Convention, the Secretary General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as Depositary, has issued a communication following the adoption of [decision MC-6/3: Amendments to annex A](#). The communication, including the texts of the amendments in the six UN official languages, was issued on 23 March 2026 and posted on the UN Treaty Collection website at [CN.114.2026-Eng.pdf](#)

I would like to draw your attention to the fact that the day of entry into force of the above-mentioned amendments will be **23 March 2027** for all Parties that have not submitted a notification of non-acceptance in accordance with paragraphs 3 (c) of Article 27 of the Convention. Parties that made a declaration with regard to amendment of annexes in accordance with paragraph 5 of Article 30 are invited to consider whether to deposit with the Depositary an instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession with respect to the amendments adopted at COP-6 as well as those adopted at previous COPs.

Should you need any further information on the matter, please do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat at mea-minamatasecretariat@un.org with a copy to Lara Ognibene, Legal Officer, at lara.ognibene@un.org.

Yours sincerely,

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To: National Focal Points to the Minamata Convention on Mercury

Cc: Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office in Geneva
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