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Dear Ms. Monika Stankiewicz,  
Executive Secretary,  
Minamata Convention on Mercury

Greetings,  
The Basel Convention Regional Centre for Training and Technology Transfer for the Arab States would like to express its appreciation for your communication regarding the invitation to Parties and stakeholders to submit information on challenges in implementing obligations related to mercury-added cosmetics pursuant to decision MC-6/4.

We highly appreciate the valuable background information provided, including the references to Articles 14 and 15 of the Convention, the WHO regulatory approaches database, and the ongoing efforts to support Parties through technical assistance, capacity-building, and compliance mechanisms.

The Centre recognizes the importance of strengthening regional and national efforts to prevent the manufacture, import, and export of mercury-added cosmetics and to address associated enforcement challenges. In this regard, the Centre continues to support Arab countries through awareness-raising activities, technical support, capacity-building initiatives, and the promotion of environmentally sound management practices related to chemicals and hazardous wastes.

We will encourage coordination and information exchange with the relevant national authorities and stakeholders within the region and support efforts aimed at facilitating the submission of relevant information to the Secretariat within the indicated timeframe.

The Centre looks forward to continued cooperation with the Secretariat of the Minamata Convention and all relevant partners during the intersessional period to advance the implementation of the Convention and protect human health and the environment from mercury exposure.

Please accept the assurances of our highest consideration.

Sincerely,  
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On Fri, May 22, 2026 at 2:08 PM MEA-Minamata Secretariat <[mea-minamatasecretariat@un.org](mailto:mea-minamatasecretariat@un.org)> wrote:

Dear Madam/Sir,

Please find attached a letter from Monika Stankiewicz, Executive Secretary of the Minamata Convention on Mercury, inviting Parties and stakeholders to submit information on challenges in implementing the obligations regarding mercury-added cosmetics.

With best regards,

**Secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury**

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