Dear Executive Secretary Monika Stankiewicz,

The Environment Authority of the Sultanate of Oman presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury. In response to your communication dated June 22, 2026, regarding the **"Call for Information on Supply Sources and Trade " (Decision MC-6/1)** , Oman is pleased to share its regulatory overview, national experiences, and lessons learned.

As a committed Party to the Convention, ratified by Royal Decree 58/2020, the Sultanate has established robust institutional and legal frameworks to prevent illegal mercury trade and manage anthropogenic mercury risks.

1. Combating and Preventing Illegal Trade in Mercury (Article 3)

- **Import and Export Controls** : Oman has drafted a decision on measures to strictly prohibits the import and export of mercury without prior informed consent and special environmental licensing from the Environment Authority.
- **Border Enforcement** : The Authority works in direct coordination with the Royal Oman Police (Directorate General of Customs) to track chemical shipments utilizing unified harmonized customs codes. This integration prevents unauthorized mercury trade or transit.
- **Artisanal Mining Status** : Oman confirms that there is no artisanal or small-scale gold mining (ASGM) operating within its territories.

2. Successes and Lessons Learned (GEF Project Alignment)

- **National Inventory and MIA Report** : Supported by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and UNEP, Oman successfully finalized its first **Minamata Initial Assessment (MIA) Report** . This established a precise nationwide mercury emission inventory.
- **Chemicals Safety Strategy** : The Authority has integrated mercury management into the broader National Strategy for Integrated Management of Hazardous Chemicals. This streamlines regulatory enforcement across our industrial zones.
- **Traceability and Reporting** : All industrial entities handling chemical waste or measuring devices containing mercury are mandated to update their emergency and inventory response logs. This allows the Authority to maintain high visibility over national stocks.

3. Recommendations for COP-7 Considerations

Regional Capacity Building : Oman encourages the Secretariat to expand technical assistance on customs screening protocols for alternative mercury-added mixtures.

Tracking Digital Tools : Incorporating standard electronic forms under Article 3 trade mechanisms will reduce administrative processing and enhance the global monitoring of illegal trade channels.

The Sultanate of Oman remains fully committed to collaborating with the Secretariat and international parties to realize a mercury-free environment.

Yours sincerely,

The Environment Authority
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