



**Conference of the Parties to the
Minamata Convention on Mercury
Fourth meeting**

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**Decision adopted by the fourth meeting of the Conference of the
Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury****MC-4/5: Mercury releases**

The Conference of the Parties,

Welcoming the report of the group of technical experts on the development of guidance in relation to mercury releases established pursuant to decision MC-2/3 on releases and given an updated mandate in decision MC-3/4 on releases of mercury,

1. *Invites* parties to consider the list of potentially relevant point source categories of releases as set out in the appendix to annex III to the note by the secretariat on the report on the intersessional work on mercury releases¹ when identifying relevant point source categories pursuant to paragraph 3 of article 9 of the Minamata Convention on Mercury;
2. *Adopts* the guidance on the methodology for preparing inventories of releases pursuant to paragraph 7 of article 9 of the Convention,² and invites parties to take account of the guidance when preparing their inventory of releases from relevant sources pursuant to paragraph 6 of article 9;
3. *Invites* parties to confirm the current members of the group of technical experts, nominate new members or replace members, as appropriate, through the Bureau representatives of each of the five United Nations regions, taking into account the expertise needed for developing guidance on best available techniques and best environmental practices to control releases from relevant sources;
4. *Requests* the group to work electronically, in line with the road map for the development of guidance on best available techniques and best environmental practices to control releases from relevant sources,³ to develop draft guidance on best available techniques and best environmental practices to control releases from relevant sources, with a view to its adoption pursuant to paragraph 7 of article 9 of the Convention;
5. *Requests* that the group's work be agreed by consensus. In case no consensus is reached, the secretariat should take note of this lack of consensus, make a record of the discussion and the various positions, and note the level of support for each position;
6. *Requests* the secretariat to compile inputs from parties on the use of the guidance on the methodology for preparing inventories of releases for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its fifth meeting;

¹ UNEP/MC/COP.4/7.

² UNEP/MC/COP.4/30.

³ UNEP/MC/COP.4/31.

7. *Also requests* the secretariat to continue to support the work of the group of technical experts.
