



**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-4/9: Enhanced cooperation between the secretariat of the
Minamata Convention on Mercury and the secretariat of the
Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions**

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling that paragraph 4 of article 24 of the Minamata Convention on Mercury provides that the Conference of the Parties, in consultation with the appropriate international bodies, may provide for enhanced cooperation and coordination between the secretariat and the secretariats of other chemicals and waste conventions, and may provide further guidance on this matter,

Recalling also decision MC-3/11 on enhanced cooperation between the secretariat of the Minamata Convention and the secretariat of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal, the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade and the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants,

Recognizing that sharing of services within a stable framework will enhance cooperation and coordination based on experience and proximity and can foster the effective implementation of the Minamata Convention without undermining the autonomy of the secretariats and the accountability of their executive heads,

1. *Takes note* of the joint report on cooperation and coordination between the secretariats of the Minamata Convention on Mercury and of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions;¹
2. *Affirms* the importance of continued cooperation on programmatic synergies, the use of the task force between the two secretariats and the United Nations Environment Programme Chemicals and Health Branch, and the possibility for the secretariat of the Minamata Convention to purchase services from the secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions on a cost recovery basis, in accordance with the programme of work and budget of the Minamata Convention for each biennium;
3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:
 - (a) To continue, with the secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions and under the overall steering of the task force and inter-secretariat working groups, as appropriate, to cooperate on relevant administrative, programmatic, technical assistance and technical matters, in accordance with the programme of work and budget, and to explore potential ways to further

¹ UNEP/MC/COP.4/INF/17.

strengthen cooperation and collaboration on such matters with the secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions;

(b) To continue to implement shared services and the purchase of relevant services from the secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions on a cost recovery basis, as appropriate and in accordance with the programme of work and budget for each biennium;

(c) To report on the implementation of the present decision, including on the stable framework for cooperation and sharing of services, together with an outline of the cooperation activities planned under such a framework for the period 2024–2025, for the consideration of and, as necessary, further guidance by the Conference of the Parties at its fifth meeting.
