



**Conference of the Parties to the
Minamata Convention on Mercury
Fifth meeting**
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Decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury at its fifth meeting

MC-5/12: Capacity-building, technical assistance and technology transfer

The Conference of the Parties,

Considering article 14 of the Minamata Convention on Mercury, on capacity-building, technical assistance and technology transfer,

1. *Requests* the secretariat, pursuant to paragraph 4 of article 14 and subject to the availability of resources, to undertake, using information in national reporting, reporting under projects of the Global Environment Facility and existing information provided by stakeholders, including the Global Mercury Partnership, the regional centres of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal and the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, the International Conference on Mercury as a Global Pollutant, Indigenous Peoples' organizations and relevant international organizations, a desk study, and to develop case studies on:

- (a) Existing initiatives and progress made in relation to alternative technologies, including private-sector engagement;
- (b) The needs of parties, particularly developing-country parties, for alternative technologies;
- (c) Any challenges experienced by parties;

2. *Also requests* the secretariat to make the desk study and case studies described in paragraph 1 above available to the Conference of the Parties for consideration at its sixth meeting, pursuant to paragraph 4 of article 14;

3. *Further requests* the secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to develop and disseminate tools and training materials related to the implementation of parties' obligations under the Minamata Convention, including materials that respond to emerging and key implementation challenges at the national, subregional and regional levels and, in particular, to recommendations of the Implementation and Compliance Committee regarding implementation of articles 4, 7 and 11 of the Convention, and to undertake cross-cutting capacity-building activities, including training on gender and trade;

4. *Calls on* parties in a position to do so to contribute to the special trust fund to enable the studies and capacity-building activities described in paragraphs 1 to 3 above and in the programme of work and budget activity fact sheet for capacity-building and technical assistance (activity 4) to be carried out;

5. *Calls on* parties, in the light of paragraph 1 of article 14 and within the scope of their respective capabilities, to continue efforts to collaborate to support developing-country parties and

parties with economies in transition on all issues relating to the implementation of the Convention through the provision of capacity-building, technical assistance and technology transfer, on mutually agreed terms;

6. *Encourages* multilateral, regional and bilateral sources of financial and technical assistance, capacity-building and technology transfer, on mutually agreed terms, to support developing-country parties in their implementation of the Convention, pursuant to paragraph 3 of article 13, on financial resources and mechanisms;

7. *Calls on* parties to continue cooperating to provide support in capacity-building, financial and technical assistance and technology transfer, on mutually agreed terms, for the development of and improved access to sustainable mercury-free alternative technologies for artisanal and small-scale gold mining, recognizing the measures taken by parties to reduce and, where feasible, eliminate the use of mercury and mercury compounds in artisanal and small-scale gold mining;

8. *Invites* parties to participate in targeted capacity-building, and financial and technical assistance activities relating to mercury waste, including those offered by the secretariat;

9. *Requests* the secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to continue and enhance cooperation with the Global Mercury Partnership, and to engage with the Partnership in the consideration of options for strengthening the capacity-building, technical assistance and technology transfer programme of the secretariat and for enhancing support to parties as they cooperate to provide capacity-building and technical assistance pursuant to paragraph 1 of article 14.
