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**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-5/16: Knowledge management**

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* that the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development highlights the importance of information and communication technologies as enablers of growth and acknowledges their transformative power in promoting inclusive participation, collaboration, knowledge exchange and innovation among diverse stakeholders, with the ultimate goal of driving progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals,

*Recalling also* that Environment Assembly resolution 4/23 seeks to develop a long-term data strategy in consultation with secretariats of multilateral environmental agreements and take into account their appropriate, credible and quality-assured data and information resources,

*Welcoming* the progress made by the secretariat in the area of knowledge management and digitalization as a cross-cutting element of the programme of work,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the digital strategy for the secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury as outlined in annex I to document UNEP/MC/COP.5/19 to guide the work of the secretariat in the upcoming years in leveraging technology and managing knowledge effectively to support the implementation of the Convention;

2. *Agrees* that implementation of the digital strategy should begin, in accordance with the programme of work and budget for the Convention for the biennium 2024–2025, and requests the secretariat to prioritize relevant activities to implement the strategy in the programmes of work and budgets for the following bienniums;

3. *Requests* the secretariat to continue collaborating with the secretariats of other multilateral environmental agreements and other partners, including the United Nations Information Portal on Multilateral Environmental Agreements (InforMEA) initiative, in knowledge management, digitalization and information exchange.

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