



**Conference of the Parties to the
Minamata Convention on Mercury
Fifth meeting**
Geneva, 30 October–3 November 2023

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

MC-5/18: Enhanced international cooperation and coordination

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling subparagraph 5 (b) of article 23 of the Minamata Convention on Mercury and paragraph 2 of article 24 of the Convention, which state that the Conference of the Parties and the secretariat shall cooperate with relevant international organizations and intergovernmental and non-governmental bodies, particularly in the chemicals and waste cluster,

Recalling also subparagraph 2 (a) of article 16, which requires the Conference, in considering health-related issues or activities, to consult and collaborate with the World Health Organization,

1. *Welcomes* the inclusion of a supplementary item entitled “Cooperation with multilateral environmental agreements” on the provisional agenda of the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly;
2. *Also welcomes* the opportunity for the secretariat to become an observer at meetings of the United Nations Climate Change Conferences, and requests the secretariat to continue to enhance cooperation and coordination with the secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change;
3. *Further welcomes* the adoption of the Global Framework on Chemicals – For a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste and of the Bonn Declaration by the International Conference on Chemicals Management at its fifth session, and calls on parties to take into account the strategic objectives and targets of the framework in their actions to implement the Minamata Convention;
4. *Requests* the secretariat to continue to enhance cooperation and coordination with the secretariat of the Global Framework on Chemicals – For a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste to ensure mutual support for the implementation of the Minamata Convention and the Global Framework on Chemicals – For a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste and to develop a proposal for activities providing such mutual support, to be included in the programme of work to be considered by the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting;
5. *Also requests* the secretariat to continue and to enhance further cooperation and coordination with the World Health Organization to support parties’ efforts to implement health-related aspects of the Convention, including through the use of relevant World Health Organization guidance;
6. *Further requests* the secretariat to report on the implementation of the present decision to the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting, as appropriate.