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Decision adopted by the first Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury

MC-1/14: Mercury emissions related to the open burning of waste

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Notes* the report on mercury emissions related to the open burning of waste;¹
2. *Recognizes* that open burning may be a significant source of mercury emissions that has not been quantified;
3. *Also recognizes* that the guidance on best available techniques and best environment practices states that open burning of waste is considered bad environmental practice and should be discouraged;
4. *Invites* parties and other interested entities and organizations to submit to the secretariat information on mercury emissions from open burning of waste;
5. *Requests* the secretariat to continue to compile information on mercury emissions from the open burning of waste, particularly from developing countries and countries with economies in transition, including information from inventories and Minamata initial assessments, emission factors and real measurements of emissions submitted by parties, and any relevant information developed by the conferences of the parties to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal and the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, and to submit that information to the Conference of the Parties for its consideration of the need for further action at its second meeting.

¹ UNEP/MC/COP.1/19, annex.