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

MC-1/18: Draft guidelines on the interim storage of mercury and mercury compounds referred to in paragraph 3 of article 10

The Conference of the Parties,

Recognizing the need to assist parties in the environmentally sound storage of mercury other than waste mercury through the provision of guidelines,

1. *Requests* the secretariat to undertake further revision of the draft guidelines on the interim storage of mercury and mercury compounds referred to in paragraph 3 of article 10,¹ by:

(a) Seeking technical input from relevant experts, including technical experts of the Basel Convention on the Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal, by 31 December 2017;

(b) Amending the guidelines and publishing on the Minamata Convention website a revised draft version by 1 March 2018;

(c) Obtaining further comments from experts, parties and others, by 1 May 2018;

(d) Submitting the revised guidelines to the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention at its second meeting for further consideration and possible adoption;

2. *Encourages* the use of the draft guidelines² in the interim and on a provisional basis, as appropriate.

¹ UNEP/MC/COP.1/25, annex.

² *Ibid.*