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**Decision adopted by the second Conference of the Parties to the
Minamata Convention on Mercury****MC-2/9: Harmonized System codes**

The Conference of the Parties,

Acknowledging that improving the data generated by the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System may be a way to facilitate the implementation of article 4 of the Convention, improve national reporting under article 21 and foster better communication among trading partners,

Taking into consideration the survey on the Harmonized System initiative developed by the United Nations Environment Programme Global Mercury Partnership – Mercury in Products partnership area,

Requests the secretariat, in collaboration with the Products Partnership and in consultation with relevant organizations:

- (a) To suggest, taking into account the results of the survey on the Harmonized System Initiative developed by the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership – Products Partnership, approaches for customs codes to identify and distinguish non-mercury-added and mercury-added products listed in annex A to the Convention, including approaches for their possible harmonization;
- (b) To circulate to parties and other stakeholders a draft report for comments by May 2019;
- (c) To receive comments from parties and other stakeholders on the draft report until 1 August 2019;
- (d) To revise the draft report, taking into account the comments received in accordance with subparagraph (c) above;
- (e) To present the report to the Conference of the Parties at its third meeting for its consideration.