



**Conference of the Parties to the
Minamata Convention on Mercury
Sixth meeting**
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Decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury at its sixth meeting

Decision MC-6/1: Supply sources and trade

The Conference of the Parties,

Expressing appreciation to parties for sharing information on experiences and challenges faced in the implementation of article 3 of the Minamata Convention on Mercury, as well as information on activities conducted in relation to the Bali declaration on combating illegal trade in mercury in response to paragraph 4 of decision MC-5/2,

Noting that parties raised the issue of the presence of informal or illegal primary mining in their territories and cases of mercury trade not conforming with the Convention, as well as illicit trafficking, illegal trade or smuggling of mercury, in particular for use in artisanal and small-scale gold mining, in their national reports under article 21 and in the information submitted in response to paragraph 4 of decision MC-5/2,

Recognizing that such primary mining and trade represent a challenge to the implementation of article 3,

Considering the recommendation of the Implementation and Compliance Committee of the Convention to the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting,¹

Noting that, notwithstanding the progress made so far, parties have expressed the need to enhance collaboration and receive additional support and assistance to strengthen implementation of article 3, and acknowledging the role of the Global Environment Facility in providing such support,²

1. *Adopts* the updates³ to the guidance⁴ on the identification of individual stocks of mercury or mercury compounds exceeding 50 metric tons and sources of mercury supply generating stocks exceeding 10 metric tons per year;

¹ UNEP/MC/COP.6/14, annex, para. 3 (b).

² For example, the newly launched project entitled “Accelerate Minamata Convention compliance through improved understanding and control of mercury trade in Latin America”.

³ UNEP/MC/COP.6/26.

⁴ The guidance was adopted in decision MC-1/2.

2. *Also adopts* the updates⁵ to the guidance⁶ on the use of forms on import and export of mercury to assist parties in identifying, managing and reducing mercury trade from primary mercury mining;
3. *Invites* the parties that reported on experiences and challenges faced in the implementation of paragraph 3 of article 3, on primary mercury mining, in their national reports under article 21 to provide further information to the secretariat with a view to its being shared with the Implementation and Compliance Committee for further consideration;
4. *Encourages* parties, including those benefiting from ongoing projects of the Global Environment Facility, to continue to share information with the secretariat about experiences in preventing and combating illegal trade in mercury, including with respect to the use of forms related to article 3 on mercury trade;
5. *Requests* the secretariat to develop, in collaboration with parties and organizations with expertise on illegal trade, and subject to the availability of resources, a report presenting strategies for addressing the supply and trade of mercury for parties not in compliance with article 3, and, in preparing the report, the secretariat shall:
 - (a) Utilize information collected from parties and other relevant sources;
 - (b) Take into account information on strategies to prevent the diversion of mercury from foreign and domestic sources for use in artisanal and small-scale gold mining and processing, as contained in national action plans on artisanal and small-scale gold mining submitted by parties in accordance with paragraph 3 (b) of article 7;
 - (c) Invite contributions from Parties, the Implementation and Compliance Committee and other stakeholders;
6. *Invites* the secretariat to develop, subject to the availability of resources, guidance for the consistent use of Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System codes related to mercury-containing goods, specifically mercury, mercury compounds and mercury waste;
7. *Requests* the secretariat to submit the report requested in paragraph 5 above for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting;
8. *Requests* the Implementation and Compliance Committee to:
 - (a) Assess the reasons that parties have provided as indications that they face challenges in implementing trade-related provisions under article 3 and consider whether recommendations that go beyond the actions already taken by the Conference of the Parties at its fifth and sixth meetings might be beneficial for improving implementation;
 - (b) Cooperate, as needed, with compliance bodies of other multilateral environmental agreements on their activities, with the aim of supporting parties in preventing and combating illegal trade;
9. *Encourages* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the World Customs Organization, the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), the member organizations of the Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals, the secretariat of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal, the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade and the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, and relevant global and regional enforcement networks to assist parties in preventing and combating illegal trade in mercury;
10. *Requests* the secretariat of the Minamata Convention, subject to the availability of resources, to continue to provide advice and conduct awareness-raising and technical assistance activities to strengthen the capacity of parties to fulfil their trade-related obligations under article 3;
11. *Also requests* the secretariat to report to the Conference of the Parties at its next meeting on the implementation of the present decision.

⁵ UNEP/MC/COP.6/27.

⁶ The guidance was adopted in decision MC-1/2.