



**Conference of the Parties to the
Minamata Convention on Mercury
Sixth meeting**
Geneva, 3–7 November 2025

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

Decision MC-6/10: Financial mechanism

The Conference of the Parties,

Highlighting the central roles of the Global Environment Facility trust fund and the Specific International Programme to Support Capacity-Building and Technical Assistance as the entities comprising the financial mechanism of the Minamata Convention on Mercury,

Expressing appreciation for the approval by the Global Environment Facility Council of a new enabling activity for the review of the implementation of article 7 of the Convention,

Taking note of the recommendation of the Implementation and Compliance Committee of the Convention to parties that rely on the Minamata Initial Assessment baseline information to consider more up-to-date sources of information,

Expressing appreciation for the resources generously contributed by donors to the Specific International Programme for the fourth and fifth rounds of replenishment, and expressing appreciation also for the successful launch of the fourth round of applications,

Recalling decision MC-5/1, in which it noted the importance of broadening the participation of Indigenous Peoples, as well as local communities, in the implementation of projects and programmes undertaken under the Convention,

Noting with concern that dental amalgam represents the largest remaining use of mercury in mercury-added products,

Recognizing that, since its first meeting, it has adopted additional measures on dental amalgam, which may require further action by parties,

1. *Welcomes* the ongoing ninth replenishment process of the Global Environment Facility trust fund, and highlights the importance of the ninth replenishment for the parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury for the period 2026–2030 with respect to their respective obligations and deadlines to be met under the Convention;
2. *Recalls* decision MC-1/5, in which it provided guidance to the Global Environment Facility;
3. *Provides* additional guidance to the Global Environment Facility, to supplement the guidance set out in the annex to decision MC-1/5, by adding the updating of the Minamata Initial Assessments and the monitoring of human exposure to mercury and environmental concentrations of mercury to the list of activities to implement the provisions of the Convention, contained in section

IV.B of the annex to decision MC-1/5, and recalls the importance of providing support to address challenges arising from the obligations related to dental amalgam;

4. *Recalls* its guidance to the Global Environment Facility, in decision MC-5/11, to take into account the time frames to which parties must adhere for the implementation of mandatory obligations in developing its programming directions and resource allocations for the ninth replenishment period, and in further developing projects and programmes under the programming directions for the eighth replenishment, as a supplement to the guidance of the Conference of the Parties, and requests the secretariat of the Convention to transmit the information as outlined in the compilation of obligations and deadlines under the Convention and the extent to which such obligations and deadlines are being met by parties¹ to the Global Environment Facility;

5. *Encourages* the secretariat to continue to cooperate with the secretariat of the Global Environment Facility in the evaluation of its projects;

6. *Encourages* the Global Environment Facility, in reporting project results, to provide data and information on mercury reduction and avoidance as well as on efforts to advance the effective engagement and participation of Indigenous Peoples, as well as local communities, and women and youth, to improve the understanding of any measurable results achieved;

7. *Reiterates* the importance of relevant parties' working through their operational focal points to make prompt and full use of the programming directions and resource allocation under the Global Environment Facility trust fund;

8. *Takes note* of the draft analysis by the secretariat of expected funding and staffing needs for the remaining time of the initial term and for a potential extension of the Specific International Programme to Support Capacity-Building and Technical Assistance for an additional period not exceeding seven years, and requests the secretariat to work with the Governing Board of the Specific International Programme to finalize the draft analysis and prepare draft recommendations for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting;

9. *Agrees* to consider the extension of the Specific International Programme for an additional period not exceeding seven years at the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties, noting that the third review of the financial mechanism is scheduled to take place at the same meeting;

10. *Encourages* the secretariat to continue coordinating with the Global Framework on Chemicals Fund for the Global Framework on Chemicals – for a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste and with the Special Programme,² within the scope of their respective mandates, in order to enhance complementarity and avoid duplication, as requested in resolution 6/9 of the United Nations Environment Assembly.

¹ UNEP/MC/COP.6/INF/39.

² Special Programme to support institutional strengthening at the national level for implementation 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, the Minamata Convention on Mercury, the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management and the Global Framework on Chemicals – for a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste, also known as the Chemicals and Waste Management Programme.