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**Matters for consideration or action by the Conference
of the Parties: effectiveness evaluation**

Preliminary draft outline of the first effectiveness evaluation report of the Minamata Convention on Mercury**

Note by the secretariat

The annex to the present note includes a draft preliminary outline of the first effectiveness evaluation report prepared by the effectiveness evaluation group. The report will be developed by the effectiveness evaluation group for the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

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** This document has not been formally edited.

Annex

Preliminary draft outline of the first effectiveness evaluation report of the Minamata Convention on Mercury¹

Prepared by the Effectiveness Evaluation Group

Executive summary

I. Introduction

This section of the report will include the background to its creation, including Article 22 and the decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties on the effectiveness evaluation framework.

II. Methodology

This section of the report will discuss how it was prepared, including the roles played by the Effectiveness Evaluation Group, its Sub-groups A to F, the Open-ended Scientific Group (OESG) and the Implementation and Compliance Committee (ICC).

It will also describe sources of information used in developing the report, including the OESG report, Article 21 reports, reports of the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and the World Health Organization (WHO).

It will also highlight key assumptions and acknowledge the main challenges in undertaking the evaluation.

III. Evaluation of the effectiveness of the Minamata Convention

This section of the report will provide an article-by-article and indicator-by-indicator analysis of the effectiveness of the Convention under the groupings identified below. The Convention text was used to develop the groupings of like subjects for discussion.

A. Overall protection of human health and the environment (article 1)

- i. Data sources
- ii. Other relevant information
- iii. Findings for article 1 (including indicators 1 & 29)
- iv. Recommendations

B. Mercury supply sources and trade (article 3)

- i. Data sources
- ii. Other relevant information
- iii. Findings for article 3 (including indicators 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)
- iv. Recommendations

C. Mercury-added products and processes (articles 4 & 5)

- i. Data sources
- ii. Other relevant information, including in relation to article 6
- iii. Findings for article 4 (including indicators 7, 8, 9)
- iv. Findings for article 5 (including indicators 10, 11)
- v. Recommendations

D. Artisanal and small-scale gold mining (article 7)

- i. Data sources
- ii. Other relevant information
- iii. Findings for article 7 (including indicators 12, 13, 14)
- iv. Recommendations

¹ The preliminary draft outline is subject to change as the effectiveness evaluation process advances.

- E. Emissions and releases (articles 8 & 9)**
- i. Data sources
 - ii. Other relevant information
 - iii. Findings for article 8 (including indicators 15, 16)
 - iv. Findings for article 9 (including indicators 17, 18)
 - v. Recommendations
- F. Waste, storage and contaminated sites (articles 10, 11 & 12)**
- i. Data sources
 - ii. Other relevant information
 - iii. Findings for article 10 (including indicator 19)
 - iv. Findings for article 11 (including indicators 20, 21, 22)
 - v. Findings for article 12 (including indicator 23)
 - vi. Recommendations
- G. Financial mechanism and capacity-building (articles 13 & 14)**
- i. Data sources
 - ii. Other relevant information
 - iii. Evaluation of effectiveness of article 13 (including indicators 24, 25)
 - iv. Evaluation of effectiveness of article 14 (including indicator 26)
 - v. Recommendations
- H. Information and knowledge (Articles 16, 17, 18 ,19)**
- i. Data sources
 - ii. Other relevant information
 - iii. Evaluation of effectiveness of article 16 (including indicators 27, 28)
 - iv. Evaluation of effectiveness of article 17 (including indicators 30, 31)
 - v. Evaluation of effectiveness of article 18 (including indicator 32)
 - vi. Evaluation of effectiveness of article 19 (including indicator 33)
 - vii. Recommendations
- I. National reporting (article 21)**
- i. Data sources
 - ii. Other relevant information
 - iii. Evaluation of effectiveness of article 21 (including indicators 34, 35, 36)
 - iv. Recommendations
- J. Other articles arising**
- This section of the report will address, for completeness and transparency, articles of the Convention that have arisen in the work so far but do not have an indicator (e.g. Article 22, Article 15). If not included here, they could be picked up under the 'Additional report on lessons learned', below.*

IV. Overall summary assessment and conclusions

This section of the report will provide a short overall summary assessment and conclusions that would include important cross-cutting issues addressed earlier in the report. It will include graphics to illustrate results.

Additional report on lessons learned and related recommendations

In addition to its effectiveness evaluation report to the Conference of the Parties, the Effectiveness Evaluation Group will provide, and submit to the Conference of the Parties, an overview of lessons learned during the first effectiveness evaluation cycle for consideration in subsequent cycles, including recommendations regarding any proposals for any modifications to indicators, monitoring guidance, data sources, reports or the overall framework.

(Extracted from the terms of reference of the Effectiveness Evaluation Group paragraph 6 (Annex to Decision MC-5/14).)