

First biennial short report for the Minamata Convention on Mercury 2019



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Q1 INFORMATION ON THE PARTY

Name of the party **Jordan**

Q2 Date on which its instrument of ratification, accession, approval or acceptance was deposited **Date** **12/11/2015**

Q3 Date of entry into force of the Convention for the party **Date** **12/11/2015**

Q4 INFORMATION ON THE NATIONAL FOCAL POINT

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Q5 INFORMATION ABOUT THE CONTACT OFFICER SUBMITTING THE REPORTING FORMAT IF DIFFERENT FROM THE ABOVE **Respondent skipped this question**

Q6 DATE THE REPORT WAS SUBMITTED **Date** **10/12/2019**

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Q7 1. Does the party have any primary mines that were operating within its territory at the date of entry into force of the Convention for the party? (Para. 3.) **No**

Q8 c. If yes, please indicate Total amount mined _____ metric tons per year -

Q9 Additional information on this question if needed -

Q10 3. Has the party endeavoured to identify individual stocks of mercury or mercury compounds exceeding 50 metric tons and sources of mercury supply generating stocks exceeding 10 metric tons per year that are located within its territory? (Para. 5.) **No**

Q11 If the party answered Yes to Question 3 above: i. Please attach the results of your endeavour or indicate where it is available on the internet, unless unchanged from a previous reporting round. -

Q12 ii. Supplemental: Please provide any related information, for example on the use or disposal of mercury from such stock and sources. -

Q13 5. Has the party received consent, or relied on a general notification of consent, in accordance with article 3, including any required certification from importing non parties, for all exports of mercury from the party's territory in the reporting period. (Para. 6, para. 7.) **No**

Q14 If yes, a. and the party has submitted copies of the consent forms to the secretariat, then no further information is needed. If the party has not previously provided such copies, it is recommended that it do so. Otherwise, please provide other suitable information showing that the relevant requirements of paragraph 6 of article 3 have been met. Supplemental: please provide information on the use of the exported mercury. -

Q15 Kindly attach all relevant information here -

Q16 b. If exports were based on a general notification in accordance with article 3, paragraph 7, please indicate, if available, the total amount exported and any relevant terms or conditions in the general notification related to use. -

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Q17 Kindly attach any relevant information here -

Q18 Part E. As per agreed reporting format, Parties are invited to provide additional comments on this article in free text. Kindly use the box below. -

Q19 2. Are there facilities for final disposal of waste consisting of mercury or mercury compounds in the party's territory? **Yes**

Q20 If yes, if the information is available, how much waste consisting of mercury or mercury compounds has been subjected to final disposal under the reporting period? Please specify the method of the final disposal operation/operations.

Current Practices

Currently, the only facility for the management of Hazardous waste is the storage site in Swaqa hazardous waste landfill Swaqa has been established in the 1980s. The site utilizes 500 hectares fenced area for the reception, storage and ultimately the treatment and disposal of hazardous waste. The site is located at approximately 120 km South East of Amman in a remote area of desert.

Swaqa is managed by the Ministry of Environment, which applies a gate fee to the hazardous waste stored therein. Swaqa as hazardous waste storage Facilities receives mercury containing waste to be stored in relatively good conditions, Based on the above, it results quite clear that the management of hazardous waste is not sustainable from the financial, environmental and social standpoint. In the absence of a sound enforcement, most of the hazardous waste is not properly collected and managed.

Q21 Kindly attach any additional relevant information here -

Q22 Part E. As per agreed reporting format, Parties are invited to provide additional comments on this article in free text. Kindly use the box below. -

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Q23 Part C. Comments regarding possible challenges in meeting the objectives of the Convention (Art. 21, para. 1)

Some challenges need to be addressed for effective management of Mercury containing waste;

- The government currently does not have the technical and financial resources, for an effective management of Mercury containing waste.
 - lack of awareness on Mercury impact on human health and the environment on institutional and household levels; the destination for Mercury containing waste on the household level is municipal landfills, Mercury waste is mixed with municipal waste;
 - lack of capacities for storage and disposal of Mercury containing waste.
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Q24 Part D. Comments regarding the reporting format and possible improvements, if any

the format is simple to use and short

Q25 Additional information to supplement that request -
may be attached
