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**Introduction: Updates from the secretariat: Initial  
feedback on the second full national reports**

## **Status update of second full national reports**

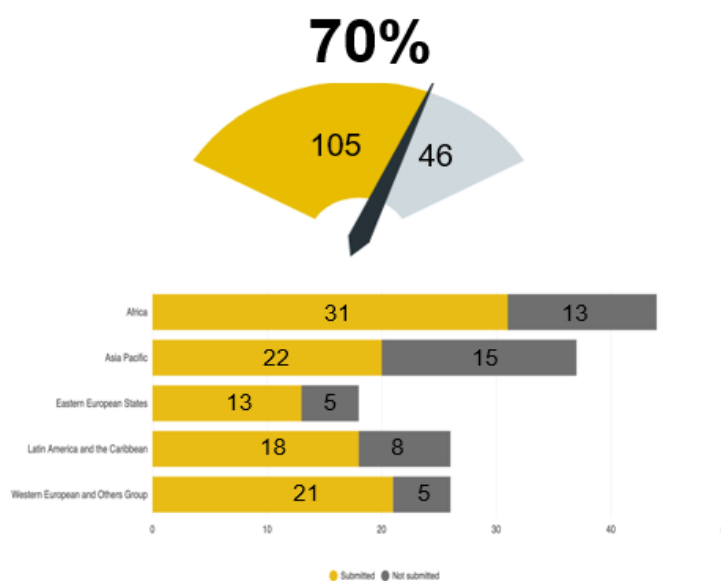
### **Note by the Secretariat**

The annex to the present note sets out a preliminary summary information on the second full national reports submitted by Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury, which was due by 31 December 2025 for the reporting period from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2024, based on submissions received as of 5 February 2026.

## Annex

### I. Overview of reporting performance rate 2021-2024 (as of 5 February 2026)

1. The figure below shows the reporting rate of the second full national reports as of 5 February 2026 at 70 percent with the regional breakdown.



### II. Some considerations when reviewing the national report

2. Operationalized decision MC-5/13
  - (a) 19 reporting format (questions) were amended by decision MC-5/13 and is reflected in the second full national report Online Reporting Tool
3. Baseline and Timing Issues:
  - (a) Some obligations have different timelines (e.g., ASGM, products with later phase-outs)
4. “Varying” report submission cut-off dates
  - (a) Chronological cut-off dates reflecting report versions for ICC and COP
  - (b) Allowing time for inclusion in reports.
5. Reporting Party cut-off date
  - (a) 151 Parties as of 31 December 2024 (end of reporting period)
  - (b) New Parties submission will be noted and indicated separately.
6. Data review and validation process
  - (a) 56 reports under further review
  - (b) Responses to questions 4.3(b), 8.2, 11.1, 11.2 require further clarification or information.

### III. General reflections: Trends and Progress

7. Strong institutional implementation
  - (a) High reporting compliance; high rate of Party designation of National Focal Points
  - (b) 51 Parties notified ASGM as more than insignificant
  - (c) 37 submitted National Action Plans (NAP)
  - (d) 7 Review of the implementation of Article 7 (RIA) submissions

8. Measurable source reductions
  - (a) Primary mining ↘ (China: 193t → 34t), Indonesia (0t)
  - (b) Chlor-alkali mercury use being phased out ↘
  - (c) Mercury-added products phase-outs (High compliance reported)
9. Growing health & public engagement
  - (a) Health sector initiatives reported by many Parties
10. Improved responses
  - (a) Stocks and sources distinction
  - (b) Trade formal vs. illegal
  - (c) Explanations

#### **IV. Challenges and Gaps**

11. Data quality & consistency issues
  - (a) Outdated inventories in MIAs
  - (b) Inconsistent reporting – thresholds; across reporting cycles
  - (c) ASGM mercury use, waste tracking, emissions inventories
12. Illegal/Illicit/Informal activities undermining progress
  - (a) Primary mercury mining and trade
  - (b) ASGM (largely informal/illegal) remains significant mercury source
13. Implementation & technical constraints
  - (a) Regional disparities in implementation capacity
  - (b) Limited final disposal facilities
14. Financial & technical barriers
  - (a) Many Parties cite resource limitations
  - (b) Technical capacity varies by region

#### **V. Key areas for further review**

15. ASGM estimates:
  - (a) Illegal/Illicit/Informal nature of activities makes monitoring challenging
  - (b) Best practices on reporting on illegal/informal activities
  - (c) RIA guidance implementation and reported results
16. Emissions & releases inventories:
  - (a) Parties only required to establish inventories 5 years after entry into force
  - (b) Many inventories still under development
17. Waste management reporting:
  - (a) Reporting of specific mercury waste disposal quantities
  - (b) Distinction between commodity mercury and mercury waste often unclear
18. Questions:
  - (a) 4(b) - entry into force for Parties; some responses need clarification
  - (b) 8.2 Progress description on emission measures missing or unclear
  - (c) 11.1 (measures) and 11.2 (final disposal) - need clarification

#### IV. Schedule for 2026–2027:

##### Critical milestones of national report analysis and report development

