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**Indicators to support the evaluation of the effectiveness of the Minamata Convention (Annex II to decision MC-5/14)**

#	Indicator	Relevant article of the Convention	Possible sources of information for measuring progress against the indicator	Notes
1	Levels and trends of mercury and mercury compounds in the environment and in humans due to anthropogenic emissions and releases	Article 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reports and other information provided by the Open-ended Scientific Group</li> </ul>	As the analysis of monitoring data progresses, the Open-ended Scientific Group may further elaborate on this indicator (for example, by proposing subindicators).
2	Total amount of mercury mined from primary mercury mines	Article 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reports pursuant to article 21</li> <li>Minamata Initial Assessments</li> </ul>	
3	Number of parties <sup>a</sup> that have endeavoured to identify, within their territories: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individual stocks of mercury or mercury compounds exceeding 50 metric tons</li> <li>Sources of mercury supply generating stocks exceeding 10 metric tons per year</li> </ol>	Article 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reports pursuant to article 21</li> </ul>	
4	Number of parties, having determined that they have excess mercury, that have taken the measures called for in article 3, paragraph 5 (b), and the amount of mercury disposed of through such measures	Article 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reports pursuant to article 21</li> </ul>	
5	Number of parties that have exported or imported mercury in accordance with the procedures established under article 3	Article 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reports pursuant to article 21</li> <li>Forms pursuant to article 3</li> <li>Reports developed under the Convention</li> </ul>	Consideration of this indicator during the evaluation will take into account the fact that trade is permitted from sources and for uses allowed under the Convention.

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6	Estimated global amount, in metric tons per year, of: (a) Mercury traded in accordance with the Convention (b) Mercury supply (c) Mercury used in products and processes	Article 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports pursuant to article 21</li> <li>• Forms pursuant to article 3 and article 30, para. 4</li> <li>• Reports developed under the Convention</li> </ul>	<p>Consideration of this indicator during the evaluation will take into account the fact that trade is permitted from sources and for uses allowed under the Convention.</p> <p>Additional sources of information will likely be necessary to accurately measure progress against this indicator.</p>
7	Number of parties that have taken appropriate measures to not allow the manufacture, export or import of the mercury-added products listed in part I of annex A after the phase-out date specified for those products	Article 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports pursuant to article 21</li> </ul>	<p>Consideration of this indicator during the evaluation will take into account the fact that parties may have different measures in place to not allow the manufacture, export and import of such products, and that some parties have exemptions in place.</p>
8	Number of parties that have implemented two or more of the measures listed in subparas. (i)–(ix) of part II of annex A	Article 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports pursuant to article 21</li> </ul>	<p>Consideration of this indicator during the evaluation will take into account the fact that decision MC-3/2 encourages parties to take more than the two required measures to phase down dental amalgam.</p>
9	Number of parties that exclude or do not allow: (a) The use of mercury in bulk form by dental practitioners (b) The use of dental amalgam for the treatment of deciduous teeth in patients under 15 years of age and of pregnant and breastfeeding women	Article 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports pursuant to article 21</li> </ul>	<p>The amended annex A, in decision MC-4/3, comes into force for parties as set out in article 27.</p> <p>This indicator will be relevant once the amendment is in force.</p>
10	For each process listed in part I of annex B: number of parties that have the process within their territories and have measures in place to not allow the use of mercury or mercury compounds after the process phase-out date	Article 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports pursuant to article 21</li> </ul>	<p>Consideration of this indicator during the evaluation will take into account the fact that there may be parties that have measures in place even though they do not use the process in question, and that some parties have exemptions in place.</p>
11	For each process listed in part II of annex B: number of parties that have the process within their territories and have measures in place to restrict the use of mercury and mercury compounds in accordance with the provisions set out in annex B, part II	Article 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports pursuant to article 21</li> </ul>	<p>Consideration of this indicator during the evaluation will take into account the fact that there may be parties that have measures in place even though they do not use the process in question.</p>
12	Total amount of mercury used globally in artisanal and small-scale gold mining, in metric tons per year	Article 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports pursuant to article 21</li> <li>• National action plans and reviews pursuant to article 7</li> </ul>	
13	Number of parties with artisanal and small-scale gold mining and processing within their territories,	Article 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports pursuant to article 21</li> </ul>	

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	where mercury amalgamation is used to extract gold from ore, that have taken steps to reduce, and where feasible eliminate, the use of mercury and mercury compounds in, and the emissions and releases to the environment of mercury from, such mining and processing		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notifications, national action plans and reviews pursuant to article 7</li> </ul>	
14	<p>Number of parties having determined that artisanal and small-scale gold mining and processing within their territories is more than insignificant that have:</p> <p>(a) Notified the secretariat</p> <p>(b) Submitted a national action plan in accordance with annex C</p> <p>(c) Provided a review of the progress made in meeting their obligations under article 7 and included such reviews in reports submitted pursuant to article 21</p>	Article 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports pursuant to article 21</li> <li>• Notifications, national action plans and reviews pursuant to article 7</li> </ul>	
15	<p>Number of parties that have:</p> <p>(a) Identified relevant sources of emissions</p> <p>(b) Established and maintained an inventory of emissions</p> <p>(c) Put in place one or more control measures from among those indicated in para. 5 of article 8 for existing sources of emissions</p> <p>(d) Required best available techniques and best environmental practices or emission limit values consistent with the application of best available techniques for new sources of emissions</p> <p>(e) A national plan setting out the measures to be taken to control emissions and expected targets, goals and outcomes</p>	Article 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports pursuant to article 21</li> <li>• National inventories</li> </ul>	
16	Total amount of mercury emitted globally, in metric tons per year, from each point source category identified in annex D, based on parties' inventories of emissions	Article 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports pursuant to article 21</li> <li>• National inventories</li> </ul>	
17	<p>Number of parties that have:</p> <p>(a) Identified relevant sources of releases</p> <p>(b) Established and maintained an inventory of releases</p> <p>(c) Put in place one or more control measures from among those indicated in para. 5 of article 9</p>	Article 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports pursuant to article 21</li> <li>• National inventories</li> </ul>	

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	(d) A national plan setting out the measures to be taken to control releases and its expected targets, goals and outcomes			
18	Total amount of mercury released globally, in metric tons per year, based on parties' inventories of releases from relevant sources	Article 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports pursuant to article 21</li> <li>• National inventories</li> </ul>	
19	Number of parties that have taken measures to ensure that interim storage of non-waste mercury and mercury compounds intended for a use allowed to a party under the Convention is undertaken in an environmentally sound manner	Article 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports pursuant to article 21</li> </ul>	Only parties that have mercury to store on an interim basis would have to take such measures.
20	Amount of waste consisting of mercury and mercury compounds subject to final disposal	Article 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports pursuant to article 21</li> <li>• Reports developed under the Convention</li> </ul>	
21	Number of parties that utilize facilities for final disposal of waste consisting of mercury or mercury compounds	Article 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports pursuant to article 21</li> </ul>	<p>Consideration of this indicator during the evaluation will take into account the fact that parties with significant quantities of such waste require access to final disposal facilities but not all parties require their own disposal facility.</p> <p>The Convention allows mercury waste to be transported across national boundaries for environmentally sound disposal.</p>
22	Number of parties that have implemented measures to meet the requirements of para. 3 of article 11	Article 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports pursuant to article 21</li> </ul>	
23	Number of parties that have endeavoured to develop strategies for identifying and assessing sites contaminated by mercury or mercury compounds in their territories	Article 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports pursuant to article 21</li> </ul>	
24	Number of parties that have:	Article 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports pursuant to article 21</li> <li>• Reports of the Global Environment Facility</li> <li>• Reports of the Specific International Programme</li> </ul>	
	(a) Mobilized national resources for implementing the Convention within the reporting period			
	(b) Contributed to the financial mechanism referred to in article 13, para. 5			
	(c) Received resources from the Global Environment Facility			
	(d) Received resources from the Specific International Programme to Support Capacity-Building and Technical Assistance			

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25	Amount of financial resources provided by: (a) Global Environment Facility (b) Specific International Programme to Support Capacity-Building and Technical Assistance (c) Multilateral, regional and bilateral support	Article 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports pursuant to article 21</li> <li>• Reports of the Global Environment Facility</li> <li>• Reports of the Specific International Programme</li> </ul>	Resources can be understood to mean financial resources, co-financing resources, or in-kind resources.
26	Number of parties that have: (a) Cooperated in providing capacity-building or technical assistance to another party pursuant to article 14 (b) Received capacity-building or technical assistance pursuant to article 14 (c) Promoted or facilitated technology development, transfer, diffusion or access	Article 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports pursuant to article 21</li> </ul>	
27	Number of parties that have taken measures to provide information to the public on the effects of exposure to mercury	Article 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports pursuant to article 21</li> </ul>	
28	Number of parties that have developed and implemented strategies and programmes to protect human health from the exposure to mercury or mercury compounds	Article 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports pursuant to article 21</li> </ul>	
29	Mercury levels in vulnerable human populations	Article 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports and other information provided by the Open-ended Scientific Group</li> </ul>	As the analysis of monitoring data progresses, the Open-ended Scientific Group may further elaborate on this indicator (for example, by proposing sub-indicators). The monitoring guidance, as contained in document UNEP/MC/COP.4/INF/12, may also support considerations regarding this indicator.
30	Number of parties with designated national focal points	Article 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notifications by parties</li> </ul>	
31	Number of parties that have facilitated the exchange of information related to mercury	Article 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports pursuant to article 21</li> </ul>	
32	Number of parties that have promoted and facilitated public information, awareness and education related to mercury	Article 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports pursuant to article 21</li> </ul>	
33	Number of parties that have endeavoured to cooperate in undertaking research, development and monitoring	Article 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports pursuant to article 21</li> </ul>	Cooperation to undertake research, development and monitoring can be participation in international, regional or bilateral efforts.

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34	Number of parties that have submitted national reports	Article 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Secretariat's report based on the information received pursuant to article 21</li> </ul>	
35	Number of national reports received that were: (a) Complete (b) Submitted on time	Article 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Secretariat's report based on the information received pursuant to article 21</li> </ul>	
36	Number of parties that have identified challenges in: (a) Preparing their national reports (b) Implementing the Convention	Article 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reports pursuant to article 21</li> </ul>	

<sup>a</sup> In addition to the number of parties, it is understood that the proportion of parties will also be relevant for some indicators.