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Note by the secretariat

The executive summary of the report of the Council of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury at its third meeting is set out in the annex to the present note. The annex is reproduced as received, without formal editing. The full report is set out in the annex to document UNEP/MC/COP.3/INF.2.

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Annex

Executive summary of the report of the Council of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury at its third meeting



**Report of the Global Environment Facility
to the Third Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to
the Minamata Convention on Mercury**

September 4, 2019

Executive Summary

1. Article 13 of the Minamata Convention includes the Global Environment Facility (GEF) in the Financial Mechanism to provide new, predictable, adequate, and timely financial resources to meet costs in support of implementation of this Convention as agreed by the Conference of the Parties (COP).
2. This report presents the work of the GEF in fulfilling its mandate under the Minamata Convention between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019 and how the GEF has responded to the guidance received from the COP to date.
3. During the reporting period, the GEF has approved three full-size projects (FSPs) covering 15 countries, one single country medium-size project (MSP), one program covering 27 countries, and four single country enabling activity projects.
4. The resources committed during the reporting period for the implementation of the Minamata Convention is \$22.6 million.¹
5. During the reporting period, GEF resources have supported one Minamata Initial Assessment (MIA). To date GEF resources have supported 111 countries to conduct MIAs.²
6. Four National Action Plans (NAPs) for Artisanal and Small-Scale Gold Mining (ASGM) were also supported, with 35 countries receiving support to date.
7. The GEF chemicals and wastes portfolio, which includes mercury, leveraged \$13 for every \$1 GEF invested from co-financing during the reporting period.³
8. The GEF-7 results framework includes a core indicator to measure results in the chemicals and wastes focal area.⁴ This core indicator has a target of 100,000 metric tons of chemicals and wastes including mercury. There is no stand-alone target for mercury in GEF-7. The GEF expects that 1,163 metric tons of mercury will be addressed by the projects that were approved during this reporting period.
9. The GEF reports progress on the results framework via the Corporate Scorecard. The first scorecard for the GEF-7 period was presented at the 56th GEF Council meeting in June 2019. The scorecard reports only on the aggregate core indicators, and it reports that approved chemicals and wastes projects contributed to 30.9 percent of the GEF-7 core indicator where mercury is included.⁵ The scorecard also showed that the GEF had programmed 8 percent of the notionally allocated mercury resources for GEF-7.
10. The GEF Council, at its 56th meeting, approved the Memorandum of Understanding adopted by the second COP, and requested the GEF Secretariat (hereafter the Secretariat) to transmit its approval to the COP.⁶

¹ Excluding Agency Fees and project preparation grants (PPGs).

² The GEF has supported MIAs starting in GEF-5.

³ Co-financing includes programs, full-size projects, medium-size projects, and enabling activities. PPGs and Agency Fees are excluded.

⁴ GEF, 2018, *GEF-7 Programming Directions*, Council Document GEF/R.7/19.

⁵ GEF, 2019, Corporate Score Card. The score card compiles Global Environmental Benefits at GEF Council approval and CEO Endorsement stages.

⁶ GEF, 2019, Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury and the Council of the Global Environment Facility, Council Document GEF/C.56/10/Rev.01.