



**Conference of the Parties to the
Minamata Convention on Mercury
Sixth meeting**

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Item 5 of the provisional agenda*

International cooperation and coordination**International cooperation and coordination****Note by the secretariat****I. Introduction**

1. Pursuant to paragraph 5 (b) of article 23 of the Minamata Convention on Mercury, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention is to cooperate, where appropriate, with competent international organizations and intergovernmental and non-governmental bodies. The Conference of the Parties is also to consult and collaborate with the World Health Organization, the International Labour Organization and other relevant intergovernmental organizations, as appropriate, in accordance with paragraph 2 (a) of article 16 of the Convention.
2. Furthermore, paragraph 2 (c) of article 24 of the Convention requires the secretariat to coordinate, as appropriate, with the secretariats of relevant international bodies, particularly other chemicals and waste conventions.

II. Implementation

3. Information on activities undertaken by the secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury to cooperate and coordinate with other entities, particularly in the chemicals and waste cluster, is presented in document UNEP/MC/COP.6/INF/28. The report, prepared by the secretariat, covers the period December 2023–June 2025.
4. The note by the secretariat on cooperation and coordination between the secretariats of the Minamata Convention on Mercury and of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal, the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade and the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants is set out in document UNEP/MC/COP.6/22; the joint report on cooperation and coordination between the secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury and the secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions is presented in annex I to document UNEP/MC/COP.6/INF/29. Reports of other relevant international organizations and initiatives are set out in documents UNEP/MC/COP.6/INF/30, UNEP/MC/COP.6/INF/31, UNEP/MC/COP.6/INF/32, UNEP/MC/COP.6/INF/33, UNEP/MC/COP.6/INF/34 and UNEP/MC/COP.6/INF/35.

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III. Suggested action by the Conference of the Parties

5. The Conference of the Parties may wish to consider the information contained in the present note and adopt a decision along the lines of the draft decision set out in the annex to the note.

Annex

Draft decision MC-6/[--]: International cooperation and coordination

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling paragraph 5 (b) of article 23 of the Minamata Convention on Mercury, which provides that the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and the secretariat are to cooperate, where appropriate, with relevant international organizations and intergovernmental and non-governmental bodies,

Expressing its appreciation to the international organizations and initiatives that conducted activities in 2024 and 2025 to promote ratification and implementation of the Convention, as reported to the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting, for conducting those activities,

Welcoming the cooperation between the secretariat and the United Nations Children's Fund and the joint publication on the risk of mercury to children,

1. *Welcomes* the adoption, by the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme, at its sixth session,¹ of resolutions on matters related to the Convention and requests the secretariat to contribute to the implementation of those resolutions, as appropriate;
2. *Also welcomes* the establishment of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Panel on Chemicals, Waste and Pollution in Punta del Este, Uruguay, on 20 June 2025; expresses its interest in establishing a partnership with the Panel to advance the work of reaching the objective of the Minamata Convention on Mercury; and requests the secretariat of the Convention to cooperate with the secretariat of the Panel and seek observer status in the plenary of the Panel;
3. *Requests* the secretariat to conduct, subject to the availability of resources, a scoping study on possible areas where the strengthening of the science-policy interface would advance implementation of the Convention, with input from parties and in collaboration with the International Conference on Mercury as a Global Pollutant, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting;
4. *Welcomes* the proposal for activities that provide mutual support to the implementation of the Minamata Convention on Mercury and the Global Framework on Chemicals – for a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste² and requests the secretariat to carry out those activities and continue and further enhance cooperation and coordination with the secretariat of the Global Framework on Chemicals;
5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to take the necessary steps for membership and participation of the secretariat in the Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals and invites the secretariat to continue to work in close cooperation with the Programme;
6. *Requests* the secretariat to continue cooperation and coordination with the Global Mercury Partnership, the Convention on Biological Diversity, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the United Nations Children's Fund on issues of common interest, and with other international bodies in areas of relevance to the Minamata Convention on Mercury, including in the areas and with the organizations listed in document UNEP/MC/COP.5/INF/28;

¹ Resolution 6/3 on enhancing the role and viability of regional forums of ministers of the environment and United Nations Environment Programme regional offices in achieving multilateral cooperation in tackling environmental challenges; resolution 6/4 on promoting synergies, cooperation or collaboration for national implementation of multilateral environmental agreements and other relevant environmental instruments; resolution 6/5 on environmental aspects of minerals and metals; resolution 6/6 on fostering national action to address global environmental challenges through increased cooperation between the United Nations Environment Assembly, the United Nations Environment Programme and multilateral environmental agreements; and resolution 6/9 on sound management of chemicals and waste.

² As outlined in document UNEP/MC/COP.6/INF/28.

7. *Also requests* the secretariat to report on the implementation of the present decision to the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting, as appropriate.
