



**Group of Technical Experts on Mercury Waste
Thresholds
Minamata Convention on Mercury
Geneva, 16-18 February 2022**

Provisional annotated agenda¹

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting will start on 16 February 2022 at 9h00 CET.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The group will adopt the agenda.

With regard to the schedule of the consideration of each item and subitem, it is proposed that the group conclude on subitems 3a and 3b and start considering subitem 3c on Day 1 in the morning. The schedule for subitems 3c, 3d and 3d will depend on the progress of the deliberation. Items 4, 5 and 6 will be considered on Day 3 in the afternoon.

3. Thresholds for waste falling under sub-paragraph 2 (c) of article 11 (Category C waste)

- a. Exchange of views on the possible compromise solution on the thresholds for Category C waste
- b. *All the members are expected to present their views as to the options described in document UNEP/MC/WT.2/2. All the concerns on those options and any new specific proposals must be presented at this first stage. Consideration on the potential to recommend differing thresholds for different waste categories*

The group will consider whether Option 2 described in document UNEP/MC/WT.2/2 (different thresholds for different waste types) or a combination including it is a feasible solution. The conclusion on this question will affect the subitems to be considered under this item.

- c. Consideration of the threshold for category C waste applicable to all types of waste, including associated guidance.

The group will consider a universal threshold based on the submitted proposals, taking into account the technical information supporting the proposals. The group will consider whether the proposed notes and the development of relevant guidance as described in paragraphs 13 and 14 of document UNEP/MC/WT.2/2 would resolve such concerns. If these notes and guidance help to reach a compromise solution, the group will work to

¹ The annotation is shown in italic.

develop the text to be included in the report to COP. The group may consider any additional action.

- d. Consideration of different thresholds for different waste types

This subitem is only applicable if the group considers Option 2 or a combination including that option is feasible. If this option is considered, the group will also consider prioritization of wastes that are common among parties and likely to pose a risk to human health or the environment.

- e. Consideration of an option not to develop thresholds for Category C waste

This subitem is only applicable if the discussion on subitems (c) and (d) above concludes that the thresholds cannot be developed, or that the proposal to COP should include an option not to develop thresholds for certain types of waste or for certain circumstances. The group will consider how the implication of not developing thresholds should be communicated to COP, and also consider the development of guidance described in paragraph 12 (Option 3) of document UNEP/MC/WT.2/2.

- 4. Preparation of the report on the outcomes of the group for the Conference of the Parties**
- 5. Other matters**
- 6. Adoption of the report of the meeting**

The group will adopt a brief report of the meeting. The report to the Conference of the Parties will be further developed through online meetings.

- 7. Closure of the meeting**

The meeting is expected to close 18 February 2022 at 18h00 CET.

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

UNEP/MC/WT.2/1/Rev.1: Provisional Annotated Agenda

UNEP/MC/WT.2/2: Options for establishing thresholds for mercury waste falling under subparagraph 2 (a) of article 11

UNEP/MC/WT.2/3: Existing thresholds related to mercury waste

UNEP/MC/WT.2/INF/1: Proposals submitted on thresholds for mercury waste falling under subparagraph 2 (a) of article 11

UNEP/MC/WT.2/INF/2: Information and data submitted to parties on mercury waste

UNEP/MC/WT.2/INF/3: Information submitted by parties on approaches other than total concentration
