**Challenges in preventing the manufacture, import and export of mercury-added cosmetics
and measures for addressing these challenges:**

**INFORMATION SUBMISSION FORM**

**Note:** This form is to be used for submission of information on challenges in preventing the manufacture, import and export of cosmetics listed in Part I of Annex A to the Minamata Convention on Mercury, as well as on current or proposed measures for addressing these challenges taken by Parties and others, pursuant to COP decision MC-5/5 (See Annex).

Parties and stakeholders are invited to submit information using this form and email it to the Secretariat (mea-minamatasecretariat@un.org) **by 30 June 2024**.

Should you have any specific questions for clarification, kindly send an email to

mea-minamatasecretariat@un.org with a copy to Eisaku Toda at eisaku.toda@un.org.

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| ***Contact information*** |
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| ***Challenges in preventing the manufacture, import and export of cosmetics listed in Part I of Annex A to the Convention*** |
| 1. Please describe the challenges |  |
| ***Current and planned measures: Please describe current and planned measures with regard to the following.[[3]](#footnote-3)*** |
| 2.1. Regulation of manufacture of mercury-added cosmetics |  |
| 2.2. Regulation of import and export of mercury-added cosmetics |  |
| 2.3. Regulation of sales and offers of sales of mercury-added cosmetics[[4]](#footnote-4) |  |
| 2.4. Strategies for discouraging the marketing, advertising and display of mercury-added cosmetics |  |
| 2.5. Advisories, detention lists and prohibited substances lists concerning mercury-added cosmetics (may overlap with 2.1) |  |
| 2.6. Licensing and product ingredient approvals for cosmetics manufacturing facilities (may overlap with 2.1) |  |
| 2.7. Developing and implementing product safety pledges for online platforms |  |
| 2.8. Raising awareness of the hazards of skin-lightening product use among physicians, dermatologists and beauty centre staff, as well as consumers and family members. |  |
| 2.9. Other measures or general measures[[5]](#footnote-5) |  |
| ***Other comments*** |
| 3.1. Matters to be considered in developing a report based on the submissions |  |
| 3.2. Any other comments |  |
| ***Reference*** |
| 4. Please attach relevant documents or links to relevant information |  |

**Annex**

**Decision MC-5/5: Preparation of a report on cosmetics listed in part I of annex A to the Minamata Convention on Mercury**

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Invites* parties and relevant stakeholders to submit information to the secretariat by 30 June 2024 on challenges in preventing the manufacture, import and export of cosmetics listed in part I of annex A to the Minamata Convention on Mercury, as well as on current or proposed measures for addressing these challenges taken by parties and others, including the Global Mercury Partnership;

2. *Requests* the secretariat to prepare a draft report, compiling and synthesizing the information described in paragraph 1 above, addressing topics such as, but not limited to, the following: phasing out sales and offers of sales of mercury-added cosmetics; strategies for discouraging the marketing, advertising and display of mercury-added cosmetics; advisories, detention lists and prohibited substances lists concerning mercury-added cosmetics; licensing and product ingredient approvals for cosmetics manufacturing facilities; developing and implementing product safety pledges for online platforms; and raising awareness of the hazards of skin-lightening product use among physicians, dermatologists and beauty centre staff, as well as consumers and family members;

3. *Also requests* the secretariat to make the draft report mentioned in paragraph 2 above available to parties and relevant stakeholders by 31 March 2025 so that they can review it and comment on it;

4. *Further requests* the secretariat to prepare a final report, taking into account the comments submitted by parties and relevant stakeholders in accordance with paragraph 3 above, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting.

1. If this is a submission from a Party or a non-party government, please provide the name of the country. In case of a submission from other stakeholders, please provide the name of the organization. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Please indicate the ministry, institution, department, section, etc. to which the contact person belongs. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. For planned measures, please indicate the date of entry into force where possible. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. This might include sales on online platforms. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Other measures might include strengthening the mercury measurement capacity, controlling informal manufacture or reformulation of cosmetics, etc. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)