

Minamata Convention Information Session

Intersessional work on products and processes



Minamata Convention COP-3 launched an intersessional process to review the list of products and processes using mercury controlled under the Convention. The Minamata Secretariat convenes an online information session on the progress of this work, with call for submission of information.

Speakers



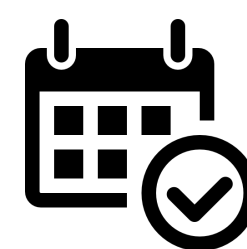
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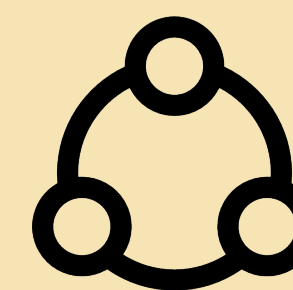
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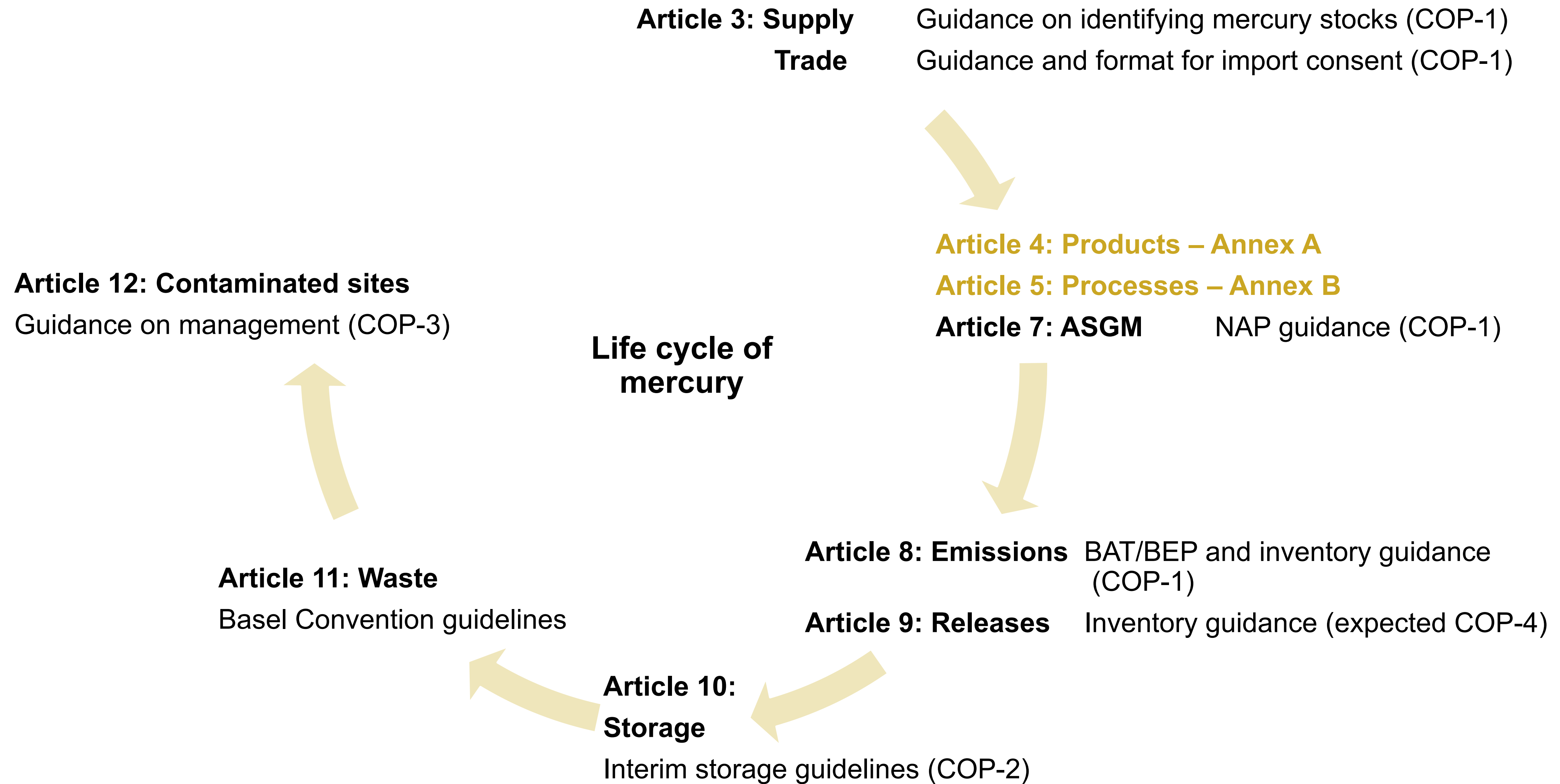
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1. Introduction
2. Intersessional work on products and processes
3. Questions and answers



Intersessional Work for COP4

The Minamata Convention sets out measures for the whole life cycle of mercury



Information Session – Preparation for COP-4

Intersessional work on the review of Annexes A and B



Article 4

Mercury-added products

1. Each Party shall not allow, by taking appropriate measures, the manufacture, import or export of mercury-added products listed in Part I of Annex A after the phase-out date specified for those products, except where an exclusion is specified in Annex A or the Party has a registered exemption pursuant to Article 6.

Article 5

Manufacturing processes in which mercury or mercury compounds are used

- For the purposes of this Article and Annex B, manufacturing processes in which mercury or mercury compounds are used shall not include processes using mercury-added products, processes for manufacturing mercury-added products or processes that process mercury-containing waste.
- Each Party shall not allow, by taking appropriate measures, the use of mercury or mercury compounds in the manufacturing processes listed in Part I of Annex B after the phase-out date specified in that Annex for the individual processes, except where the Party has a registered exemption pursuant to Article 6.

Annex A

Mercury-added products

The following products are excluded from this Annex:

- Products essential for civil protection and military uses;
- Products for research, calibration of instrumentation, for use as reference standard;
- Where no feasible mercury-free alternative for replacement is available, switches and relays, cold cathode fluorescent lamps and external electrode fluorescent lamps (CCFL and EEFL) for electronic displays, and measuring devices;
- Products used in traditional or religious practices; and
- Vaccines containing thiomersal as preservatives.

Part I: Products subject to Article 4, paragraph 1

Mercury-added products	Date after which the manufacture, import or export of the product shall not be
Batteries, except for button zinc silver or batteries with a mercury content < 2% and zinc air batteries with a mercury content	
Switches and relays, except very high ac capacitance and loss measurement bridge high frequency radio frequency switches relays in monitoring and control instruments a maximum mercury content of 20 mg per switch or relay	
Compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) for general lighting purposes that are ≤ 30 watts with mercury content exceeding 5 mg per lamp	

Annex B

Manufacturing processes in which mercury or mercury compounds are used

Part I: Processes subject to Article 5, paragraph 2

Manufacturing processes using mercury or mercury compounds	Phase-out date
Chlor-alkali production	2025
Acetaldehyde production in which mercury or mercury compounds are used as a catalyst	2018

Part II: Processes subject to Article 5, paragraph 3

Mercury using process	Provisions
Vinyl chloride monomer production	Measures to be taken by the Parties shall include but not be limited to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce the use of mercury in terms of per unit production by 50 per cent by the year 2020 against 2010 use; Promoting measures to reduce the reliance on mercury from primary mining;

Article 4
Mercury-added products

4. The Secretariat shall, on the basis of information provided by Parties, collect and maintain information on mercury-added products and their alternatives, and shall make such information publicly available. The Secretariat shall also make publicly available any other relevant information submitted by Parties.

7. Any Party may submit a proposal to the Secretariat for listing a mercury-added product in Annex A, which shall include information related to the availability, technical and economic feasibility and environmental and health risks and benefits of the non-mercury alternatives to the product, taking into account information pursuant to paragraph 4.

8. No later than five years after the date of entry into force of the Convention, the Conference of the Parties shall review Annex A and may consider amendments to that Annex in accordance with Article 27.

9. In reviewing Annex A pursuant to paragraph 8, the Conference of the Parties shall take into account at least:

- (a) Any proposal submitted under paragraph 7;
- (b) The information made available pursuant to paragraph 4; and
- (c) The availability to the Parties of mercury-free alternatives that are technically and economically feasible, taking into account the environmental and human health risks and benefits.

Article 5
Manufacturing processes in which mercury or mercury compounds are used

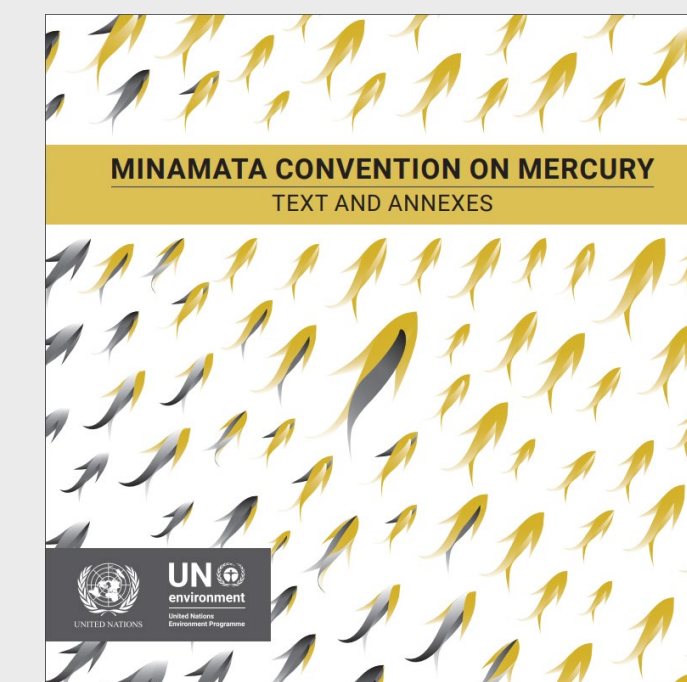
4. The Secretariat shall, on the basis of information provided by Parties, collect and maintain information on processes that use mercury or mercury compounds and their alternatives, and shall make such information publicly available. Other relevant information may also be submitted by Parties and shall be made publicly available by the Secretariat.

9. Any Party may submit a proposal to amend Annex B in order to list a manufacturing process in which mercury or mercury compounds are used. It shall include information related to the availability, technical and economic feasibility and environmental and health risks and benefits of the non-mercury alternatives to the process.

10. No later than five years after the date of entry into force of the Convention, the Conference of the Parties shall review Annex B and may consider amendments to that Annex in accordance with Article 27.

11. In any review of Annex B pursuant to paragraph 10, the Conference of the Parties shall take into account at least:

- (a) Any proposal submitted under paragraph 9;
- (b) The information made available under paragraph 4; and
- (c) The availability for the Parties of mercury-free alternatives which are technically and economically feasible taking into account the environmental and health risks and benefits.



Article 26

Amendments to the Convention

1. Amendments to this Convention may be proposed by any Party.
2. Amendments to this Convention shall be adopted at a meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The text of any proposed amendment shall be communicated to the Parties by the Secretariat at least six months before the meeting at which it is proposed for adoption. The Secretariat shall also communicate the proposed amendment to the signatories to this Convention and, for information, to the Depository.

Article 27

Adoption and amendment of annexes

1. Annexes to this Convention shall form an integral part thereof and, unless expressly provided otherwise, a reference to this Convention constitutes at the same time a reference to any annexes thereto.
2. Any additional annexes adopted after the entry into force of this Convention shall be restricted to procedural, scientific, technical or administrative matters.
3. The following procedure shall apply to the proposal, adoption and entry into force of additional annexes to this Convention:
 - (a) Additional annexes shall be proposed and adopted according to the procedure laid down in paragraphs 1–3 of Article 26;



Report of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury on the work of its third meeting

Introduction

1. The third meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury was held at the Geneva International Conference Centre from 25 to 29 November 2019.

I. Opening of the meeting

2. The Director of the Europe Office of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Bruno Pozzi, welcomed participants at 10.20 a.m. on Monday, 25 November.

A. Opening remarks

3. Following a performance of Swiss traditional music and a video presentation about the Minamata Convention, opening remarks were delivered by Marc Chardonens, State Secretary, Federal Office for the Environment, Switzerland; Inger Andersen, Executive Director of UNEP; Rossana Silva Repetto, Executive Secretary of the Minamata Convention on Mercury; and David Kapindula (Zambia), President of the Conference of the Parties at its third meeting.

4. In his opening remarks, Mr. Chardonens welcomed participants to Geneva, noting that the current gathering was the third successive meeting of the Conference of the Parties held in Geneva since the Convention's entry into force in 2017. Reviewing the history of the Convention's creation and the significant progress already made in its implementation, he drew attention to challenges facing the parties at the current stage, in particular in the areas of waste thresholds, contaminated sites and inventories. To confront those and other challenges, concerted collective action and collaboration were needed by and between all parties and stakeholders and, to that end, considerable advantages flowed from the location of the Convention secretariat in Geneva, the host city of a number of international instruments and organizations active in the field of global chemicals and waste governance. Resolute implementation of the Convention and assuring the capacities required to that end were crucial to making mercury history, as was the efficient use of resources, which was exemplified by the cooperation between the secretariat of the Minamata Convention and the secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions. In closing, he wished participants fruitful deliberations, thanking them for taking up the global chemicals and waste challenge for a detoxified future.

5. In her statement, Ms. Andersen said that, as the youngest member of the family of environmental conventions, the Minamata Convention had immense potential to deliver beneficial results to people and the environment, in the campaign to make mercury history. Among the achievements of the Convention to date, she drew attention to the establishment of a fully funded financial mechanism with a \$206 million indicative allocation under the seventh replenishment of the Global Environment Facility (GEF). Outlining tasks before the parties at the current meeting, she

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This session will cover:



- **Intersessional work on Review of Annexes A and B**
 - ❑ Decision MC-3/1
 - ❑ Ad hoc group of experts
 - ❑ Submissions and extended deadline

- **Dental Amalgam**
 - ❑ Decision MC-3/2
 - ❑ Submissions and extended deadline

- **Customs codes**
 - ❑ Previous work presented to COP-3
 - ❑ Decision MC-3/3

Review on Annexes A and B

Outline of Decision MC-3/1

The Conference of the Parties:

- *Decides* to establish an ad hoc group of experts on Review of Annexes A and B.
- *Requests* the Secretariat to call for submissions from Parties by 31 March 2020, including information on the uses of mercury in products and processes, and on the availability, technical and economic feasibility and environmental and health risks and benefits to non-mercury alternatives.
- *.... (Procedure of work to be explained later)*
- *Requests* the Secretariat to prepare a report on the work of the ad hoc group of experts by 30 April 2021.

MC-3/1: Review of annexes A and B

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Decides* to establish an ad hoc group of experts with terms of reference as set out in the annex to the present decision;
2. *Requests* the secretariat to call for submissions from parties by 31 March 2020, including:
 - (a) Information on mercury-added products and on the availability, technical and economic feasibility, and environmental and health risks and benefits of non-mercury alternatives to mercury-added products, pursuant to paragraph 4 of article 4 of the Convention;
 - (b) Information on processes that use mercury or mercury compounds and on the availability, technical and economic feasibility and environmental and health risks and benefits of mercury-free alternatives to manufacturing processes in which mercury or mercury compounds are used, pursuant to paragraph 4 of article 5;
3. *Also requests* the secretariat to make the submissions received publicly available and to invite non-parties and others to provide, by 30 April 2020, further information on the uses of mercury and on non-mercury alternatives referred to in the submissions;
4. *Further requests* the secretariat to provide to the ad hoc group of experts a compilation of the submissions and information received pursuant to paragraphs 2 and 3 of the present decision and to convene a meeting of the group, by no later than 30 June 2020. The ad hoc group of experts is to prepare a document in which it will enrich and organize the information received for each use covered by the submissions from parties, taking into account further information available to the experts, and in which it will clearly identify the sources of its information;
5. *Requests* the secretariat to make available, by 31 August 2020, to the parties that submitted information pursuant to paragraph 2 of the present decision, the information received pursuant to paragraph 4 of the present decision;
6. *Also requests* the secretariat to invite those parties to submit any revised information by 30 November 2020;
7. *Further requests* the secretariat to make publicly available the submissions made by parties pursuant to paragraph 6 of the present decision, by 31 December 2020, in accordance with paragraph 4 of article 4 and paragraph 4 of article 5 of the Convention;
8. *Requests* the secretariat to prepare, by 30 April 2021, a report on the work of the ad hoc group of experts reflecting its activities, including all the information gathered from the group, parties and others, for presentation at the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;
9. *Requests* parties that notified the secretariat at the time of their becoming a party to the Convention that they would implement various measures or strategies to address products listed in part I of annex A to the Convention to report, by 30 June 2020, on the measures or strategies they have implemented, including a quantification of the reductions achieved;
10. *Requests* the secretariat to compile the submissions made by parties pursuant to paragraph 9 of the present decision for consideration during the effectiveness evaluation with respect to article 4 of the Convention;
11. *Also requests* the secretariat to present the compilation of final submissions pursuant to paragraphs 7 and 9 of the present decision for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its fourth meeting.

Annex to decision MC-3/1

Terms of reference of the ad hoc group of experts

I. Mandate

1. The Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury, at its third meeting, by decision MC-3/1, established an ad hoc group of experts to prepare a document in which it will enhance and organize the information for each use submitted by parties in accordance with decision

Ad hoc group of experts on review of Annexes A and B



- **Mandate:** to prepare a document in which it will enhance and organize the information for each use submitted by Parties in accordance with decision MC-3/1, taking into account further information available to the experts.
- **18 experts** were nominated from 5 regions (still two seats vacant)
- **Co-chairs** were elected at its second online meeting: Ms. Gwenetta Fordyce (Guyana) and Mr. Darren Byrne (Ireland)
- **10 observers** to be invited by the group.
 - So far, the group has selected 6 observers with “horizontal” expertise.
 - Observers with “vertical” expertise on specific categories of product/process (e.g. lamps, batteries, etc.) will also be invited to group calls to discuss these categories.
- Partner organisations (UNEP, WHO) and Parties that submitted information are also invited.

Roadmap in MC-3/1 and the current plan of the Ad Hoc Group



Roadmap in Decision MC-3/1	Current plan of the Ad hoc Group
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 31 March 2020: Submissions from Parties• 30 April 2020: Submissions from non-parties and others• June 2020: Face-to-face meeting• August 2020: Make available enriched and organized information to Parties that submitted information.• November 2020: Revised information from Parties• April 2021: Secretariat to prepare a report on the work of the ad hoc group of experts reflecting its activities, including all the information gathered from the group, parties and others, for presentation at COP-4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7 May 2020: first online meeting• 3 June 2020: second online meeting• 1 July 2020: third online meeting• 31 July 2020: Extended deadline for submissions from Parties, non-parties and others• Sep-Oct 2020: A series of group calls on specific categories of products and processes• After November 2020: Further timeline to be discussed by the Group

Review on Annexes A and B

Submissions from Parties



- Parties were invited to submit information on the uses of mercury and non-mercury alternatives by 31 March 2020 (once extended to 15 April)
- 7 submissions have been received. (posted on the [website](#))
- Further submissions will be accepted until 31 July.** Templates for submissions agreed by the ad hoc group of experts are available on Minamata website.

http://www.mercuryconvention.org/Portals/11/documents/meetings/COP4/submissions/Templates_for_products_and_processes.docx

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Information to support the review of Annex A to the Minamata Convention

1. Category of mercury-added product ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> Batteries <input type="checkbox"/> Switches and relays <input type="checkbox"/> Lamps <input type="checkbox"/> Cosmetics	<input type="checkbox"/> Pesticides, biocides and topical antiseptics <input type="checkbox"/> Non-electronic measuring devices <input type="checkbox"/> Others (Please specify: _____)
2. Further description of the product (if any)		
3. Information on the use of the product		
4. Information on the availability of mercury-free (or less-mercury) alternatives		
5.(i) Information on the technical feasibility of alternatives		
5.(ii) Information on the economic feasibility of alternatives		
6. Information on environmental and health risks and benefits of alternatives		
7. If any, additional information being submitted on mercury-added products pursuant to Article 4.4 of the Convention not addressed above (e.g. manufacture, general trade information, etc.)		
8. Other relevant information pursuant to Decision MC-3/1		
9. References		

Review on Annexes A and B

Submission from non-parties and others



- Non-parties and others were invited to provide further information on the use of mercury and on non-mercury alternatives referred to in the submissions by the Parties by 30 April 2020. (Once extended until 15 May)
- 5 submissions have been received. (posted on the [website](#))
- Further submissions will be accepted until 31 July.** Templates for submissions agreed by the ad hoc group of experts are available on Minamata website.

http://www.mercuryconvention.org/Portals/11/documents/meetings/COP4/submissions/Templates_for_products_and_processes.docx

- Battery associations of Japan, Europe, North America and Latin America
- IPEN
- NRDC
- Zero Mercury Working Group
- CLASP

Information to support the review of Annex A to the Minamata Convention

1. Category of mercury-added product ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> Batteries <input type="checkbox"/> Switches and relays <input type="checkbox"/> Lamps <input type="checkbox"/> Cosmetics	<input type="checkbox"/> Pesticides, biocides and topical antiseptics <input type="checkbox"/> Non-electronic measuring devices <input type="checkbox"/> Others (Please specify: _____)
2. Further description of the product (if any)		
3. Information on the use of the product		
4. Information on the availability of mercury-free (or less-mercury) alternatives		
5.(i) Information on the technical feasibility of alternatives		
5.(ii) Information on the economic feasibility of alternatives		
6. Information on environmental and health risks and benefits of alternatives		
7. If any, additional information being submitted on mercury-added products pursuant to Article 4.4 of the Convention not addressed above (e.g. manufacture, general trade information, etc.)		
8. Other relevant information pursuant to Decision MC-3/1		
9. References		



UNEP/MC/COP.3/23

MC-3/2: Dental amalgam

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Encourages* Parties to take more than the two required measures in accordance with annex A, part II, of the Convention to phase down the use of dental amalgam;
2. *Requests* the secretariat to request information from parties on the implementation of any such additional measures taken by parties related to annex A, part II, of the Convention;
3. *Also requests* the secretariat to request information from parties and others pursuant to paragraph 7 of article 4 of the Convention by 1 July 2020;
4. *Further requests* the secretariat to compile the information received pursuant to paragraph 3, clearly identifying the sources of the information it contains, and provide that information to parties no later than 1 December 2020;
5. *Requests* the secretariat to prepare, by 30 April 2021, a document containing the information received from parties pursuant to paragraph 2 of the present decision and the compilation of information pursuant to paragraph 4 of the present decision, respectively, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its fourth meeting.

Dental amalgam

Information on non-mercury alternatives to dental amalgam

Submissions from governments

- Parties and others were invited to provide information including that related to the availability, technical and economic feasibility and environmental and health risks and benefits of the non-mercury alternatives to dental amalgam by 1 July 2020.
- 6 submissions have been received. (posted on the [website](#))
- Upon the request from some Parties, **deadline was extended until 15 August.**

Submissions from governments

- African region ([English / French](#))
- [Argentina](#) (Spanish)
- [Canada](#)
- [Jordan](#)
- [Norway](#)
- [Moldova](#)



Dental amalgam

Information on non-mercury alternatives to dental amalgam

Submissions from other organisations



- 21 submissions have been received. (posted on the [website](#))
- Upon the request from some Parties, **deadline was extended until 15 August.**

Submissions from other organisations

- AGENDA for Environment and Responsible Development (AGENDA), Tanzania
- American Dental Association (ADA), International Association for Dental Research (IADR)
- Ban Toxics Letter / AO20
- Center for Public Health and Environmental Development (CEPHED), Nepal
- Chicago Declaration for Ending Mercury Use in the Dental Industry Letter1 / Letter2
- Children's Environmental Health Foundation (CEHF), Zambia
- Consumers for Dental Choice, United States
- Environment and Social Development Organization (ESDO), Bangladesh
- European Center for Environmental Medicine
- Action Group for Promotion and Protection to Flora and Fauna (GAPROFFA), Benin
- International Academy of Oral Medicine and Toxicology (IAOMT)
- Kisiwani Conservation Network, Kenya
- Latin American Centre for Environmental Health
- Timiș County College of Dentists, Romania Letter 1 (Romanian / English) Letter 2 (Romanian / English)
- Vietnam Odonto-Stomatology Association (VOSA) and Center for Community Health and Injury Prevention (CCHIP), Viet Nam
- World Alliance for Mercury Free Dentistry - A Comparison of Availability, Affordability, Effectiveness, Risks and Benefits of Dental Material
- World Alliance for Mercury Free Dentistry - Arab States
- World Alliance for Mercury Free Dentistry - Dentists' Committee for A Mercury Free Africa submission1 / submission2 / submission3 / submission4
- World Alliance for Mercury Free Dentistry - Island States Campaign
- World Alliance for Mercury Free Dentistry - Model Provinces Committee
- World Alliance for Mercury Free Dentistry - Scientific literature review

Dental amalgam

Information on implementation of additional measures

- COP in its decision MC-3/2 encourages Parties to take more than the two required measures to phase down the use of dental amalgam.
- Parties are invited to provide information on the implementation of any additional measures taken in accordance with part II of Annex A to the Convention by **31 January 2021**.
- Three submissions have been received so far. (posted on the [website](#))

Submissions from governments

- [Cameroon](#)
- [Cote d'Ivoire](#)
- [Japan](#)

Mercury-added products	Provisions
Dental amalgam	<p>Measures to be taken by a Party to phase down the use of dental amalgam shall take into account the Party's domestic circumstances and relevant international guidance and shall include two or more of the measures from the following list:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Setting national objectives aiming at dental caries prevention and health promotion, thereby minimizing the need for dental restoration; (ii) Setting national objectives aiming at minimizing its use; (iii) Promoting the use of cost-effective and clinically effective mercury-free alternatives for dental restoration; (iv) Promoting research and development of quality mercury-free materials for dental restoration; (v) Encouraging representative professional organizations and dental schools to educate and train dental professionals and students on the use of mercury-free dental restoration alternatives and on promoting best management practices; (vi) Discouraging insurance policies and programmes that favour dental amalgam use over mercury-free dental restoration; (vii) Encouraging insurance policies and programmes that favour the use of quality alternatives to dental amalgam for dental restoration; (viii) Restricting the use of dental amalgam to its encapsulated form; (ix) Promoting the use of best environmental practices in dental facilities to reduce releases of mercury and mercury compounds to water and land.

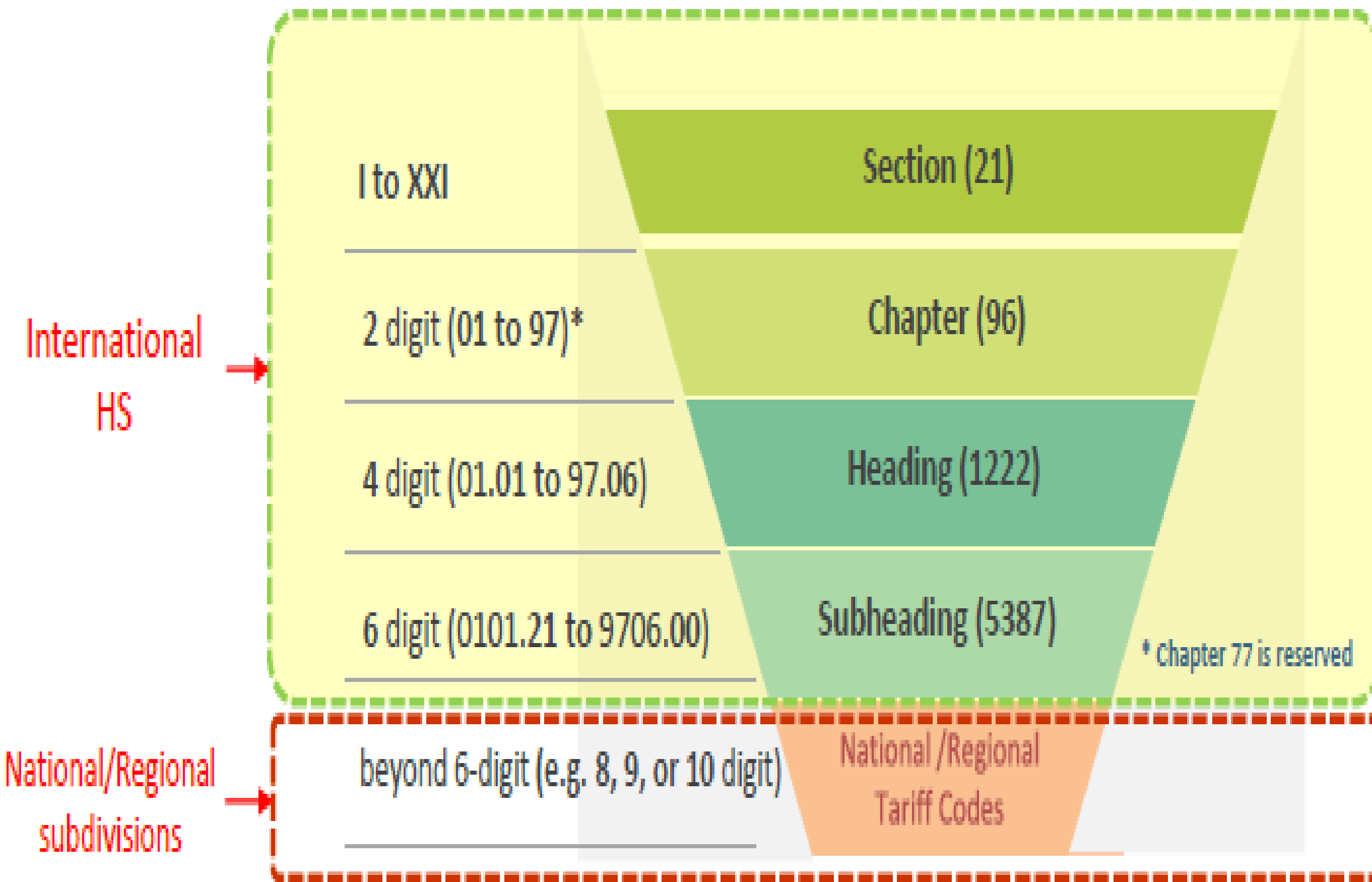
Use of customs codes to distinguish mercury-added products



- COP2 requested the secretariat to suggest approaches for customs codes to identify and distinguish non-mercury added products and mercury added products listed in Annex A, including approaches for their possible harmonization, in collaboration with Products Partnership and in consultation with relevant organizations (MC-2/9).
- Report was developed and presented to COP-3 (MC/COP.3/5, INF/12)
- Four basic approaches have been identified in the report:
 - A. Develop internationally harmonized six-digit HS codes pursuant to the established WCO process
 - B. Develop statistical codes of more than six digits
 - C. Deliver some combination of the two above mentioned approaches
 - D. Do not explore new customs codes under the Convention

Customs codes

Use of customs codes to distinguish mercury-added products



Source: WCO, Structure of the Harmonized System codes (HS 2017)

Customs code	Purpose	Product definition
90	Chapter	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus; parts and accessories thereof
9025	Heading	Hydrometers and similar floating instruments, thermometers, pyrometers, barometers, hygrometers and psychrometers, recording or not, and any combination of these instruments
9025.1	HS Subheading (5-digit)	-Thermometers and pyrometers, not combined with other instruments
9025.11	HS Subheading (6-digit)	- -Liquid filled, for direct reading
9025.11.10	National subdivision (typically determines duty)	- - -Clinical thermometers
9025.11.10.10	National subdivision (statistical suffix)	- - - -Containing mercury

Source: Based on codes developed by Uruguay

Outline of Decision MC-3/3



The Conference of the Parties:

- *Requests* the secretariat, in collaboration with Products Partnership and relevant experts, to draft a guidance document on the work, including:
 - ❑ For mercury-added products listed in Annex A, a list of possible customs nomenclature codes of more than six digits that could be used by Parties;
 - ❑ For mercury-added products not listed in Annex A, a compilation of examples provided by national experts of customs nomenclature codes of more than six digits currently in use by Parties;
 - ❑ Examples of good practice where the use of customs nomenclature codes at the national level has been supplemented by the use of other control tools for the purpose of implementing trade provisions.
- *Requests* the secretariat to prepare a report including the above-mentioned elements and submit it to COP4 for its consideration.

Outline of Decision MC-3/3 (cont.)



- *Requests* the secretariat to circulate an open call to all Parties, non-parties and others to identify experts to participate in the open-ended process, and to call for submissions by such experts by 31 March 2020 on the relevant information of the work.
- Information was submitted by one party (posted on the [website](#))
- The Secretariat will work with the Global Mercury Partnership to develop a guidance document.

MC-3/3: Customs codes

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Requests* the secretariat, in collaboration with the United Nations Environment Programme Global Mercury Partnership–Mercury in Products partnership area (hereafter “Products Partnership”) and involving relevant experts, to:
 - (a) Draft a guidance document that includes:
 - (i) For the mercury-added products listed in annex A to the Convention, a list of possible customs nomenclature codes of more than six digits that could be used by parties;
 - (ii) For mercury-added products not listed in annex A to the Convention, a compilation of examples provided by national experts of customs nomenclature codes of more than six digits currently in use by parties;
 - (iii) Examples of good practice where the use of customs nomenclature codes at the national level has been supplemented by the use of other control tools for the purpose of implementing trade provisions, such as those found in article 4 to the Convention;
 - (b) Provide an assessment of whether the subsequent development of six-digit harmonized codes would be a useful complement to the outcome of the work undertaken under subparagraph 1 (a) (i) of the present decision for the mercury-added products listed in annex A or under subparagraph 1 (a) (ii) for mercury-added products not listed in annex A. The assessment shall, where possible, include several examples of the use of such codes for both listed and unlisted mercury-added products, taking into account experience concerning such codes under other international environmental conventions;
2. *Also requests* the secretariat to:
 - (a) Circulate an open call to all parties, non-parties and other stakeholders, including relevant organizations, to identify experts familiar with the use of national customs codes to participate in the open-ended process;
 - (b) Call for submissions by such experts by 31 March 2020; such submissions should include information relevant for the work related to subparagraphs 1 (a) (i)–(iii) of the present decision;
 - (c) Prepare, in collaboration with the Products Partnership, a draft report covering the three elements referred to in subparagraph 1 (a) of the present decision;
 - (d) Make the draft report available on the Convention website and invite parties and others to provide comments by 30 January 2021;
 - (e) Revise, in collaboration with the Partnership, the draft report, taking due account of the further input received from parties and others;
 - (f) Submit the final report to the Conference of the Parties at its fourth meeting for its consideration.

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