Second Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury 19 – 23 November 2018, Geneva, Switzerland

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Secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury
OUTLINE OF PRESENTATION

1. Update of activities since COP1
2. Preparations for COP2
3. General structure and programme for COP2
ITEM 1. UPDATE OF ACTIVITIES SINCE COP1
Current status of Ratification

As of 5 November 2018, 100 states and 1 regional economic integration organization have ratified the Minamata Convention.

Guinea-Bissau, Tonga, Vanuatu, Sao Tome and Principe, Portugal, Chile and Suriname have deposited their instruments most recently.

Africa – 26 Parties
Asia and the Pacific – 22 Parties
Central and Eastern Europe – 12 Parties
Latin America and the Caribbean – 21 Parties
Western Europe and others Group – 19+1 Parties
COP1 called for the establishment of three Minamata Convention Trust Funds

1. General Trust Fund
   2018: USD 3,916,524
   USD 3,916,524 approved for 2018
   USD 2,768,264 received

2. Special Trust Fund
   2018: USD 3,192,250
   USD 3,192,250 agreed for 2018
   USD 1,851,156 pledged/received

3. Specific Trust Fund
   2018: USD 1,281,448
   USD 1,281,448 Received/pledged to be programmed in 2018

As of 31 August 2018
Status of Contributions for 2018

Contributors to the Special Trust Fund for 2018
Austria, the European Union, Finland, France, Japan, Norway, the Philippines, Sweden and Switzerland

Contributors to the Specific Trust Fund for 2018
Austria, Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the United States
Specific International Programme to Support Capacity-Building and Technical Assistance

First meeting of the Governing Board - Geneva, 15-16 May 2018
• The Governing Board adopted its Rules of Procedure.
• Project application assessment criteria and procedures finalized.
• Call for Applications to its 1st Round from 5 June 2018 to 31 August 2018.
• 19 Applications were received by the deadline

Second meeting of the Governing Board - Oslo, 2-3 October 2018
• The Board reviewed complete and eligible applications and selected projects from Argentina, Armenia, Benin, Iran and Lesotho to fund in the 1st Round.
The Implementation and Compliance Committee is established to promote implementation of and review compliance with all the provisions of the Minamata Convention (article 15). The mechanism shall be facilitative in nature and pay particular attention to the respective national capabilities and circumstances of Parties.

First meeting of the Committee - Geneva, 29-30 May 2018

- **Main Outcome:** Developed the Rules of Procedure of the ICC that are to be approved by the second meeting of the Conference of Parties.
ITEM 2. PREPARATIONS FOR COP2
Bureau for COP-1 and COP-2

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- The Bureau met in Geneva on 13-14 September 2018
- It will meet on Sunday 18 November from 11:00 to 13:00
Preparations for COP2 – Regional meetings

Series of regional meetings held in preparation for COP2 with funding contributions of Austria, Japan, Sweden and Switzerland:

• Africa: 9-10 October 2018 in Lusaka, Zambia

• Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia: 16-17 October 2018 in Chisinau, Moldova

• Asia and the Pacific: 23-24 October 2018 in Bangkok, Thailand

• Latin America and the Caribbean: 30-31 October 2018, Lima, Peru

With back to back information sessions by BRS and SAICM Secretariats
Preparations for COP2 - Logistics

- On-line pre-registration on Minamata website required for all participants. Deadline extended to 31 October 2018.

- Travel arrangements are being made for one participant from each eligible party.

- The secretariat reviews the requests for admission of observers.

- **Visas:** Participants are responsible for obtaining any necessary visa for entering Switzerland as well as any transit visa.

- Logistic information available from the Convention website.
Current status of online registration
(5 November 2018)

903 in total

• Governments: 501
• IGOs: 104
• NGOs: 219
• Others: 79
ITEM 3. GENERAL STRUCTURE AND PROGRAMME FOR COP2
General structure of COP 2

COP2 will open at 10 a.m. on Monday, 19 November and is set to close at 6 p.m. on Friday, 23 November 2018

- Two sessions planned a day
- Smaller groups – contact groups and drafting groups may be established
- No High Level Segment, no Committee of the Whole
Documents for COP 2

Documents for COP2 can be downloaded from the Convention website
COP2 Provisional agenda

Relevant documents: MC/COP.2/1 and add.1

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Organizational matters:
3. Rules of procedure for the Conference of the Parties
4. Report on the credentials of representatives to COP2
5. Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties
6. Programme of work and budget
7. Venue and date of COP3
8. Other matters
9. Adoption of the report
10. Closure of the meeting
COP2 Item 2 (a) – Election of officers

COP2 to elect a Bureau, which will serve from the closure of COP2, for the intersessional period and until the conclusion of COP3

- Two Bureau members from each region
- Drawn from States Parties during COP2
- Available for the whole term, including attendance of all of COP2, intersessionally for Bureau meetings as called, and COP3
COP2 Item 3:
Rules of procedure for the Conference of Parties

*Relevant document: MC/COP.2/3*

**Article 23:** COP shall by consensus agree upon and adopt rules of procedure

- COP1 adopted the rules of procedure, with the exception of the second sentence of paragraph 1 of rule 45 and paragraph 3 of rule 45 (decision MC-1/1).

**Suggested Action:**

- COP2 may wish to consider and adopt this outstanding rule
COP2 Item 4 – Credentials

- Parties’ head of delegation, alternate representatives and advisers must be accredited in credentials to take part in the decision making process at COP2.

- Issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs or, in the case of a regional economic integration organization, by the competent authority of that organization.

- Information regarding any change in the composition of the delegation should be submitted using the same procedure.
**COP2 Item 4 – Credentials**

- Originals to be submitted by 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 20 November 2018

- Advance copy to the Secretariat to facilitate clearance process
  MEA-MinamataMeetings@un.org

- Models of credentials in the six official UN languages available at:
COP2 Item 5:
Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties

(a) Releases: MC/COP.2/4/Rev.1

(b) Environmentally sound interim storage of mercury other than waste mercury: MC/COP.2/5

(c) Mercury waste, in particular consideration of relevant thresholds: MC/COP.2/6 and INF/10

(d) Guidance on the management of contaminated sites: MC/COP.2/7

(e) Operation of the financial mechanism:
   (i) Global Environment Facility: MC/COP.2/8 and INF/3
   (ii) Specific International Programme to Support Capacity-building and Technical Assistance: MC/COP.2/9 and INF/16
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(f) Capacity-building, technical assistance and technology transfer: MC/COP.2/10 and INF/5

(g) Implementation and Compliance Committee: MC/COP.2/11

(h) Cooperation with the World Health Organization and the International Labour Organization: MC/COP.2/12 and INF/17

(i) Effectiveness evaluation: MC/COP.2/13, INF/8 and INF/15

(j) Financial rules: MC/COP.2/14

(k) Secretariat: MC/COP.2/15, 2/15.Add1, INF/4 and INF/7

(l) Emissions of mercury resulting from the open burning of waste: MC/COP.2/16 and INF/6
COP2 Item 6: Programme of work and budget

*Relevant documents: MC/COP.2/17, MC/COP.2/18 and INF/9*

MC-1/15 Approved the first programme of work and budget for the Convention for 2018-2019

- **2/17** Provides an overview of the Secretariat’s activities to date
- **MC-1/15** requested the Executive Secretary to provide an update on the POW implementation of 2018
- **MC-1/15** also requested the Executive Secretary to provide an update, where relevant, on costs estimates for actions that have budgetary implications not foreseen in the first programme of work
- Therefore **2/18** provides this update
- **INF9** sets out the Budget Sheets to give more detail on budget elements.

**Suggested Action:**
COP2 may wish to consider and adopt a draft decision as set out in 2/18.
COP2 Item 7 – Venue and date of COP3

As per the rules of procedure, COP meetings shall take place at the seat of the secretariat, unless the COP decides otherwise or other appropriate arrangements are made by the secretariat in consultation with the parties.

Unless it decides otherwise, COP shall hold its second and third ordinary meetings yearly.

COP may wish to consider the venue and date of its third meeting.

Note: if COP3 is not held in 2019, COP2 will need to take decisions on the work programme and budget for the biennium 2020-2021 so that the secretariat can continue its work in 2020.
Review of Annex A and Annex B

As per Article 4, para 8 and Article 5, para 10, no later than 5 years after the date of entry into force, the COP shall review Annexes A (Mercury-added products) and B (Manufacturing processes in which mercury or mercury compounds are used) and may consider amendments to the Annexes in accordance with Article 27.

➢ The Bureau proposed that COP2 should consider processes for these reviews.
Programme: Tentative schedule of work

Monday, 19 November 2018

Morning session

Item 1: Opening of the meeting

Item 2: Organizational matters
   (b) Adoption of the agenda;
   (c) Organization of work.

Item 5: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties
   (i) Effectiveness evaluation
   (c) Mercury waste, in particular consideration of relevant thresholds

Item 7: Venue and date of the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties
Programme: Tentative schedule of work

Monday, 19 November 2018

Afternoon session

Item 5: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties
(k) Secretariat

Item 6: Programme of work and budget
Programme: Tentative schedule of work

Tuesday, 20 November 2018

Morning session

Item 5: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties
(a) Releases
(b) Environmentally sound interim storage of mercury other than waste mercury
(d) Guidance on the management of contaminated sites
(l) Emissions of mercury resulting from the open burning of waste
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Tuesday, 20 November 2018

Afternoon session

Item 5: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties

(e) Operation of the financial mechanism:
   (i) Global Environment Facility
   (ii) Specific International Programme

(j) Financial rules

(g) Implementation and Compliance Committee

(f) Capacity-building, technical assistance and technology transfer

(h) Cooperation with the WHO and the ILO
Programme: Tentative schedule of work

Tuesday, 20 November 2018

Afternoon session (cont.)

Item 3: Rules of procedure for the Conference of the Parties

Item 4: Report on the credentials of representatives to the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties

Item 2: Organizational matters

(a) Election of officers for the intersessional period and the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties
Programme: Tentative schedule of work

Wednesday, 21 November 2018
Morning session
   Item 8: Other matters

Wednesday afternoon – Friday morning
Two plenary sessions per day as the Conference decides necessary.
Consideration of the outcomes of the contact groups and draft decisions.

Friday, 23 November 2018
Afternoon session
   Item 9: Adoption of the report
   Item 10: Closure of the meeting
Possible Contact groups

COP2 may wish to establish contact groups on:

- Effectiveness evaluation
- Technical issues including waste
- Financial mechanism
- Institutional issues
- Budget
**COP2 - Logistics**

**On-site Registration**
- Picture ID needed
- Badge mandatory

- Opens on Saturday at 12:00
- Sunday-Friday 08:00-18:00

**Technical briefings**
- Sunday 12:30-14:00
- Effectiveness Evaluation
- Specific International Programme

**Regional meetings**
- Sunday 15:00-18:00
- Monday-Friday 09:00-10:00

**Events on the side**
- Monday-Friday 13:15-14:45
- 18:15-19:00
- Lunch time events
- Showcase events
- Knowledge labs

**Exhibition area**
- Activities regarding implementation of the convention
- Governments
- IGOs
- NGOs
- Private sector
# Preparations for COP2 - Logistics

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