



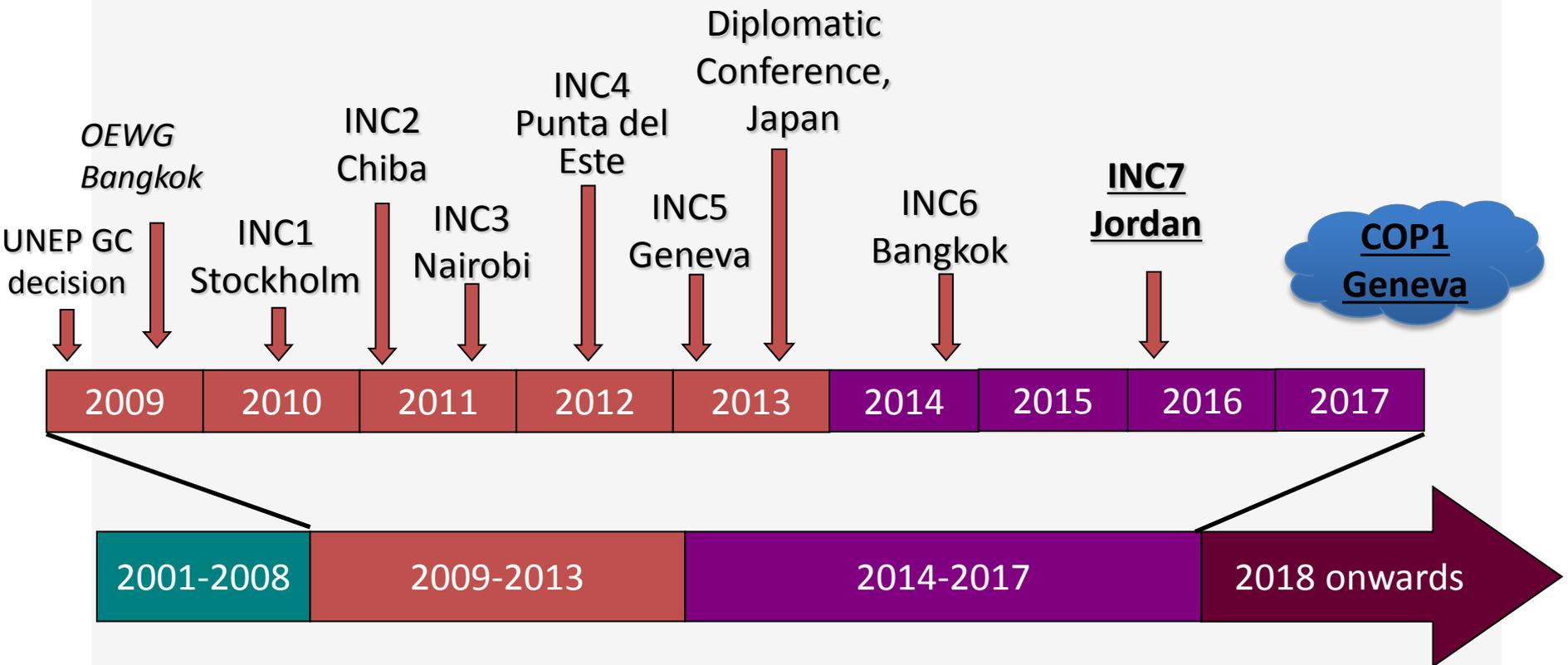
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# Outcomes of the seventh session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on Mercury (INC7)

Briefing to the Permanent Missions  
*Geneva, 29 April 2016*

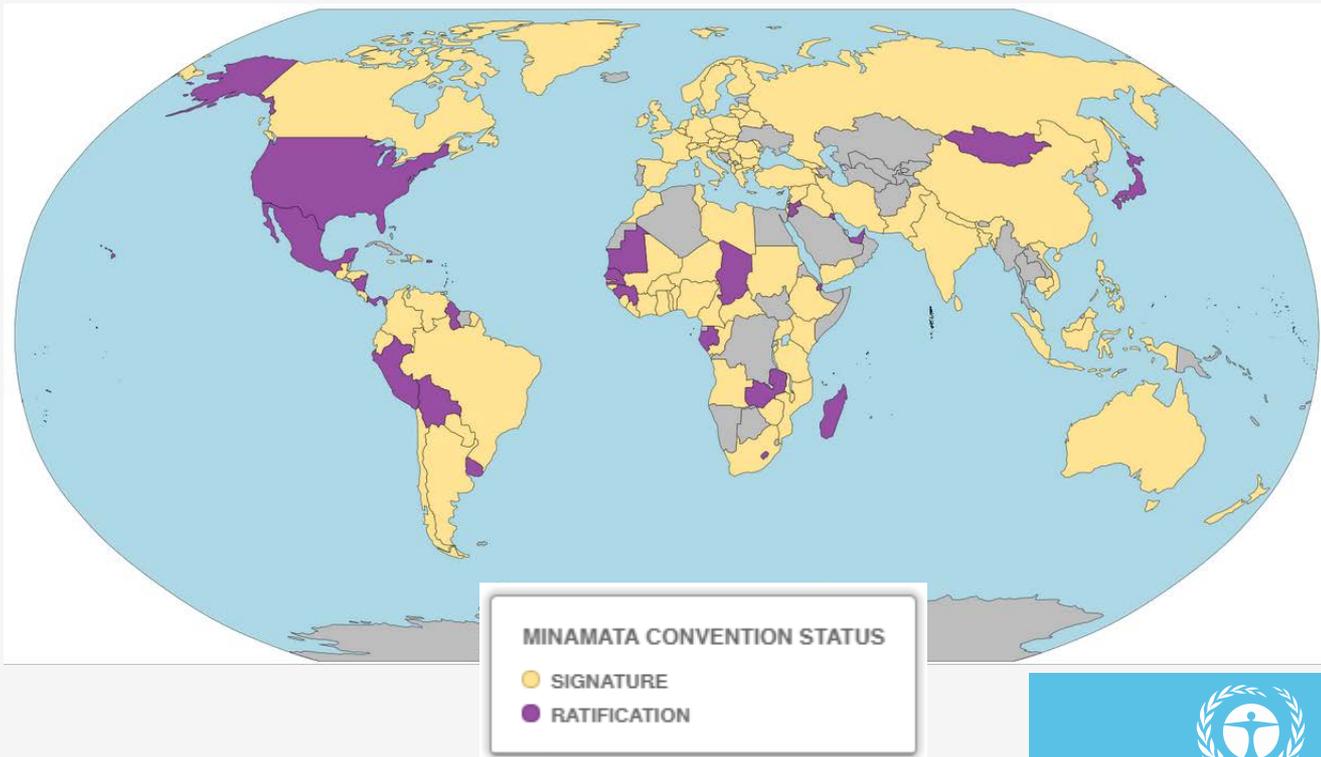
# Main steps of the negotiation process



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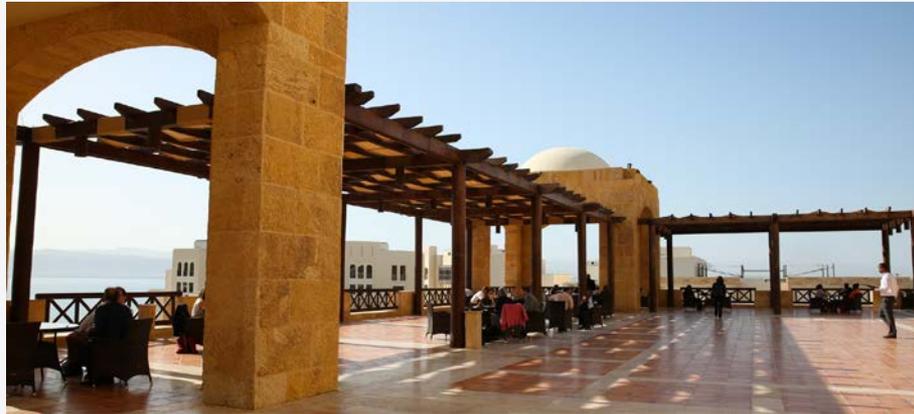
Entry into force: 90<sup>th</sup> day after the date of deposit of the 50<sup>th</sup> instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession

As of April 2016: **128 signatures, 25 future Parties**



# Seventh session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on Mercury (INC7)

INC7 took place from 10 to 15 March 2016 at the Dead Sea, Jordan, with regional consultations on 9 March 2016



## Objectives:

- Prepare for the entry into force of the Minamata Convention
- Make significant progress towards COP1 in particular by reaching agreement on a number of issues to be adopted at COP1

# Participation at INC7

500+ participants:

- 129 countries represented by nearly 320 government representatives
- 11 United Nations bodies and 6 Intergovernmental organizations represented by more than 40 delegates
- Nearly 40 civil society organizations represented by more than 50 delegates



# Outcomes of INC7

## Article 3 – Mercury supply sources and trade

- Guidance to assist Parties to complete forms under Article 3 (Supply and trade)
  - Adopted on a provisional basis, pending formal adoption at COP1
- Guidance on the identification of individual stocks of mercury
  - Adopted on a provisional basis, pending formal adoption at COP1

## Article 7 – Artisanal and small-scale gold mining

- Guidance on developing a national action plan to reduce and, where feasible, eliminate mercury use in artisanal and small-scale gold mining
  - Agreed by INC7 pending further action by COP1
  - Governments and other stakeholders asked to provide further comments on the guidance so that an revised version can be presented for consideration and possible adoption at COP1

# Outcomes of INC7

## Article 8 – Emissions

- Guidance on BAT/BEP in relation to Article 8, and other related guidance documents
  - **Adopted on a provisional basis, pending formal adoption at COP1**
- Guidance on support for Parties in implementing the measures set out in paragraph 5 of Article 8, in particular in determining goals and in setting emissions limit values
  - **Adopted on a provisional basis, pending formal adoption at COP1**
- Guidance on criteria that Parties might develop pursuant to paragraph 2 (b) of Article 8
  - **Adopted on a provisional basis, pending formal adoption at COP1**
- Guidance on preparing inventories of emissions
  - **Adopted on a provisional basis, pending formal adoption at COP1**

# Outcomes of INC7

## Article 13 – Financial resources and mechanism

- Guidance to the GEF on overall strategies, policies, programme priorities and eligibility for financial resources
  - **Agreed by INC7 pending further action by COP 1**
  - **Submitted to the GEF Council for further consideration**
- MoU between the GEF Council and the Minamata COP
  - **Agreed by INC7 pending further action by COP 1**
  - **Submitted to the GEF Council for further consideration**
- Specific international Programme on capacity building and technical assistance
  - **Not yet finalized and forwarded to the next meeting for further consideration**

## Article 21 – Reporting

- Draft reporting format and the frequency of reporting
  - **Not yet finalized and forwarded to the next meeting for further consideration**

# Outcomes of INC7

## Article 23 – Conference of the Parties

- Draft rules of procedure for the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury
  - **Not yet finalized and forwarded to the next meeting for further consideration**
- Draft financial rules for the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury
  - **Not yet finalized and forwarded to the next meeting for further consideration**



# Intersessional work until COP1

## Submission of information to the Interim Secretariat

- Governments and other stakeholders are invited to submit information to the Interim Secretariat by **15 September 2016** in relation to:
  - **Article 7 (Artisanal and small-scale gold mining)**: Comments to improve the *Draft guidance on developing a national action plan to reduce and, where feasible, eliminate mercury use in artisanal and small-scale gold mining*
  - **Article 10 (Environmentally sound interim storage of mercury other than waste mercury)**: Information that would contribute to the development of guidelines on the environmentally sound interim storage of mercury other than waste mercury
  - **Article 11 (Mercury wastes)**: Additional information on the use of mercury waste thresholds
  - **Article 12 (Contaminated sites)**: Input on guidance documents or recommendations in relation to the management of sites contaminated with mercury
  - **Article 22 (Effectiveness evaluation)**: Information on existing monitoring programmes and how they can contribute to an overall monitoring approach, including availability of baseline information, as well as contact details of any individual whom they would designate to participate in consultations conducted via electronic means for the development of a roadmap as well as a report on effectiveness evaluation

# Intersessional work until COP1

## Nomination of experts

- Governments and other stakeholders are invited to nominate experts to contribute to the development of guidelines on the environmentally sound interim storage of mercury other than waste mercury by 30 April 2016.

## Work of the Interim Secretariat

- Develop awareness raising material and organize inter-regional capacity building and training workshops on the dangers of mercury pollution and on the practical implementation of the provisions of the Minamata Convention
- Organize workshops in regions with significant artisanal and small-scale gold mining within available resources
- Prepare draft guidelines on interim storage in accordance with the roadmap agreed by INC7



# Intersessional work until COP1

## Work of the Interim Secretariat (continued)

- Based on the submissions from Governments and stakeholders, prepare an outline of the structure and content of the guidance on the management of mercury-contaminated sites, together with a roadmap outlining the further work on the guidance
- Revise the proposals for delivery of the specific international programme
- Based on the submissions from Governments and stakeholders, conduct an analysis of existing monitoring programmes and how they can contribute to the monitoring the effectiveness of the Minamata Convention
- Revise the proposals for delivery of the Secretariat of the Minamata Convention

# Upcoming events and meetings

## UNEA-2

- The Interim Secretariat will present one INF document at UNEA-2 on the outcomes of INC7

## Workshops

- Regional workshops on ASGM will be held in Q4 2016 (date TBD)
- Capacity building and training workshops in Q4 2016 and Q2 2017 (dates TBD)

## INC Bureau meetings

- Zambia: Q3 2016 (date TBD)
- Venue TBD: Q2 or Q3 2017 (date TBD)

## Regional preparatory meetings for COP1

- Four regional preparatory meetings for COP1 are planned in Asia and the Pacific, Africa, Central and Eastern Europe and in Latin America and the Caribbean during Q3 2017 (date TBD).

## COP1

- Q3 2017 (date TBD)



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