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Outcome of the sixth session of the intergovernmental negotiating committee on mercury (INC6)

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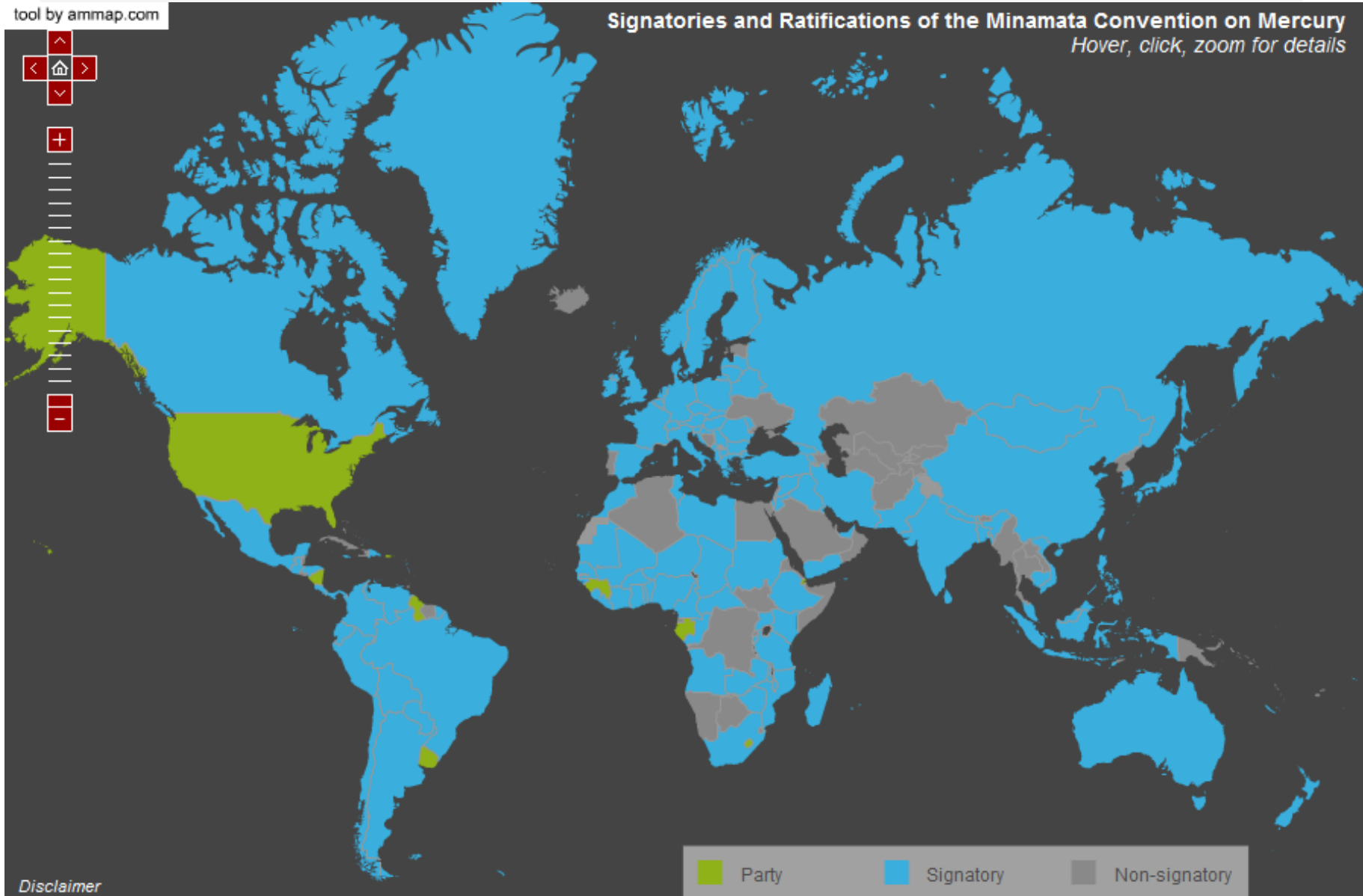
Briefing to the Permanent Missions
Geneva, 1 December 2014

As of 1 December 2014, 128 Signatures and 9 Parties

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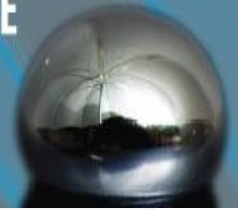




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SIXTH SESSION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE TO PREPARE A GLOBAL LEGALLY BINDING INSTRUMENT ON MERCURY

3-7 November 2014, United Nations Conference Centre, BANGKOK



- Over 400 delegates representing 124 Governments, 29 NGOs and 13 IGOs gathered in Bangkok from 3 to 7 November 2014
- Discussions in plenary and contact groups
- Exhibition area and 14 side events to relay relevant and timely information to the INC



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Objectives of INC6 successfully met

- Good progress in preparing for the entry into force of the Convention
- Agreement on a number of issues for which the Conference of the Parties will be required to adopt decisions at its first meeting



Changes in the INC Bureau

Three new members confirmed at INC6:

Sezaneh Seymour (USA) ----- replacing John Thompson (USA)

David Kapindula (Zambia) ----- replacing Abiola Olanipekun (Nigeria)

Alojz Grabner (Slovenia) ----- replacing Katerina Sebkova (Czech Republic)

Current INC Bureau members:

Africa: Oumar Diaoure Cissé (Mali) and David Kapindula (Zambia)

Asia and the Pacific: Yingxian Xia (China) and Mohammed Kashashneh (Jordan)

CEE: Alojz Grabner (Slovenia) and Vladimir Lenev (Russia)

LAC: Gillian Guthrie (Jamaica) and Fernando Lugris (Uruguay)

WEOG: Nina Cromnier (Sweden) and Sezaneh Seymour (USA)



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Good work in contact groups

1/ Contact group on finance, co-chaired by Gillian Guthrie (Jamaica) and Greg Filyk (Canada)

2/ Technical contact group on Article 3 (Mercury supply sources and trade) **and Article 6** (Exemptions available to a Party upon request), co-chaired by Jimena Nieto (Colombia) and Karel Blaha (Czech Republic)

3/ Contact group on Article 21 (Reporting) **and Article 23** (Conference of the Parties), co-chaired by David Kapindula (Zambia) and David Buchholz (USA)



Main outcome of INC6 (1/7)

On finance:

Request for the GEF to apply the following eligibility criteria:

- ✓ Parties to the Convention;
- ✓ Signatories to the Convention in undertaking activities, particularly enabling activities, to facilitate early implementation and ratification of the Convention;
- ✓ Non-signatories to the Convention, for enabling activities, provided those States are taking meaningful steps towards becoming a Party as evidenced by a letter from the relevant minister to the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme and to the Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson of the Global Environment Facility.

Establishment of ad hoc working group of experts on financing :

- ✓ Co-chaired by Gillian Guthrie (Jamaica) and Greg Filyk (Canada)
- ✓ Experts to be nominated from the 5 UN regions: 3 from Africa, 5 from Asia-Pacific, 2 from CEE, 3 from LAC and 6 from WEOG
- ✓ 31 December 2014: deadline for submission of experts names and contact information through the Bureau members



Main outcome of INC6 (2/7)

Adoption on a provisional basis pending COP1:

- Forms to be used for trade in mercury between Parties and with non-Parties (Article 3)
- Proposed formats for the registration of exemptions and for the register of exemptions to be maintained by the Secretariat (Article 6)

Adoption of the rules of procedure of the group of technical experts to develop the guidance called for in Article 8 on emissions



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Main outcome of INC6 (3/7)

Work to be conducted by the interim secretariat for INC7:

In relation to Article 3 (Mercury supply sources and trade):

- Draft guidance on completing the forms
- Draft guidance on identification of stocks and sources of mercury
- Invite submissions on whether there are any additional elements within the guidance referred to in paragraph 12 not covered in the above guidance, and publish submissions on the webpage.

In relation to Article 7 (artisanal and small-scale gold mining – ASGM):

- Revised guidance on ASGM national action plans, in cooperation with the ASGM partnership area of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership (GMP) and WHO



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Main outcome of INC6 (4/7)

Work to be conducted by the interim secretariat for INC7:

In relation to Article 10 (Environmentally sound interim storage of mercury, other than waste mercury):

- Compilation and summary of information provided by countries on sound mercury interim storage practices that they had adopted and successfully implemented
- Identification, in collaboration with the secretariat of the Basel Convention and relevant experts, of the parts of the Basel technical guidelines that might be relevant to the interim storage of mercury other than waste
- Proposal for a road map for work on interim storage guidelines



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Main outcome of INC6 (5/7)

Work to be conducted by the interim secretariat for INC7:

In relation to Article 11 (Mercury wastes):

- Compilation of information provided by countries on their use of mercury waste thresholds and the levels established

In relation to article 21 (Reporting):

- Compilation of information from other conventions on frequency of required reporting and submission of reports by countries



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Main outcome of INC6 (6/7)

Work to be conducted by the interim secretariat for INC7:

In relation to Article 22 (Effectiveness evaluation):

- Compilation and analysis of the means of obtaining monitoring data

In relation to Article 24 (Secretariat):

- Compilation and analysis of offers made to host the Secretariat of the Minamata Convention



Main outcome of INC6 (7/7)

Governments will be invited to provide...

Information/comments on:

- Factors for identifying stocks and sources of mercury
- Whether additional guidance is necessary in accordance with Article 3.12
- The availability of monitoring data
- Sound mercury interim storage practices adopted and successfully implemented
- Their use of mercury waste thresholds and the levels established
- The draft guidance on BAT/BEP for emissions
- The UNEP GMP guidance on the development of ASGM national action plans

Offers to host the Permanent Secretariat of the Convention

Nominations of experts on finance



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Next steps in the intergovernmental process

INC7:

- offer by Jordan to host,
- dates to be decided by the INC Bureau

First meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP1):

- offer by Switzerland to host,
- to be held no later than one year after entry into force of the Convention, due to happen once 50 States or regional economic integration organization have deposited their instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession



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Intersessional work before INC7

- Invitation for submissions and development of compilation, analysis and guidance as requested by INC6
- Support to technical expert group on BAT/BEP
- Support to ad hoc working group of experts on financing
- Organization of regional consultations before INC7
- Awareness-raising and outreach activities, including training workshops, pilot projects and development of material to support rapid entry into force and implementation of the Convention



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