GEN - Chemicals and Waste Briefing

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• Time to celebrate a successful negotiation & ratification

• Time to complete our work and prepare a successful implementation
  • Technical issues
  • Financial mechanism
  • Secretariat / RoP / PoW & Budget
Secretariat

• Entry into force → required decision on secretariat
• Switzerland presented offer in June 2015
  • Objective: best possible secretariat structure for the Minamata convention
  • Key elements: Host country contribution 2.5 CHF, integrated structure with BRS secretariat
• INC 7
  • Request for clarifications
  • Option for a partial integration (1b)

• Costs Geneva
HLS – Make Mercury History

• Political relevance of the Minamata Convention
• Time to discuss and exchange
• No distinction between parties and non-parties
• Take – home messages
Thank you for your attention &
happy to answer further questions!

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Cost analysis Geneva

- Geneva is expensive but provides cluster function and network of «Genvève International»,

- Integration reduced costs by 16 %
- Indicated costs are high … too high?
- Host country contributions → not linked to where the COP is held

- Including the host contribution, Geneva is the less costly place → cost / benefit analysis
Option 1b – partial integration

- Preference remains 1a
- Internal discussions
  - Negative analysis on stand alone
    - More costly – less effective
    - Ambition best possible secretariat structure
    - Responsibility toward taxpayers
Option 1b – partial integration

Analysis 1b:

- Administrative costs reduced – though not max.
- Legal service / conference service shared
- Political weight strengthened
- Specific, separate team → fully dedicated to Minamata

Reminder:

- No linkage between integration and separately or jointly COP

Objective:

Find a compromise that allows CH to pay host country contribution
# Oversight Swiss Offer

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