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GEN - Chemicals and Waste Briefing

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Minamata COP 1

- 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!



Cost analysis Geneva

- Geneva is expensive but provides cluster function and network of «Genève 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 strenghtend
- Specific, seperate team → fully dedicated to Minamata

Reminder:

- No linkage between integration and seperatly or jointly COP

Objective :

Find a compromise that allows CH to pay host



Oversight Swiss Offer

| | 1a) Full Integration immediately after the first COP | 1b) Partial Integration with a separate Minamata Branch | 2) Stand alone secretariat in Geneva |
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| Head / Management structure | Joint Executive Secretary | Joint Executive Secretary | Minamata Executive Secretary |
| Organizational structure | Shared Branches using existing BRS structure: Conventions Operations Branch, Scientific Support Branch, Technical Assistance Branch | Organizational structure with shared branches and services and a separate Minamata Branch to deal with specific aspects to the implementation of the convention | Stand alone secretariat. BRS services to Minamata Secretariat are possible but invoiced |



Oversight Swiss Offer

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| Host country contribution | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- CHF 2 Mio. per year of unearmarked contributions- Initial payment CHF 100'000.-- CHF 500'000 per year of earmarked contributions (position supporting the integration of the secretariat and, subsequently, joint activities of the M – BRS Conventions) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- CHF 2 Mio. per year of unearmarked contributions- initial payment of CHF 100'000.- | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- initial payment CHF 100'000.- |
| Office space | Rent free office space | Rent free office space | Rent free office space |
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