

**MEETING OF THE AD-HOC WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS ON FINANCING
ESTABLISHED AT THE SIXTH SESSION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL
NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE ON MERCURY
26 TO 29 OCTOBER 2015, SAO PAULO, BRAZIL**

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Co-Chairs: Ms. Gillian Guthrie (Jamaica) and Mr. Greg Filyk (Canada)

1. Opening of the meeting of the ad hoc working group of experts on financing
2. Organizational matters
3. Overview of the financial mechanism of the Minamata Convention on Mercury and of other available sources of financing, including the Special Programme to support institutional strengthening at the national level
4. Discussion on elements of guidance for the operationalization of the Specific International Programme, including consideration of:
 - (a) Scope and activities to receive funding;
 - (b) Eligibility for access;
 - (c) Sources of funding;
 - (d) Institutional arrangements; and
 - (e) Duration.
5. Discussion on options for the hosting institution of the Specific International Programme, including consideration of:
 - (a) Key characteristics required;
 - (b) Existing suitable hosting institutions; and
 - (c) Any necessary arrangements with the hosting institution.
6. Meeting outcome – conceptual approach on the Specific International Programme setting out elements for its operationalization and hosting
7. Other matters
8. Closure of the meeting of the ad hoc working group of experts on financing