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COMMUNICATION

Call for Information on Gender and Mercury

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that, based on the COP-3 decision MC-3/12 on the Convention's [Programme of Work for the biennium 2020–2021](#) and thanks to the financial support of Government of Sweden, the Secretariat of the Minamata Convention has undertaken to develop a draft gender roadmap to support the implementation of the Convention and further development of the agreed activities.

The objective of the draft roadmap will be to propose and initiate work to mainstream gender within the activities of the Minamata Convention and its Secretariat, including through the support delivered under the capacity-building and technical assistance programme of the Convention and through strengthened cooperation with other internal and external partners on gender-related issues at the international, regional and national levels.

For this purpose, the Secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury is inviting Parties and stakeholders to submit relevant scientific, technical and policy information on gender, including on women, children and their vulnerability to mercury exposure.

The following information is of interest, which may be in the form of studies, webinars and videos:

- the impacts of mercury exposure on vulnerable groups, such as women and children;
- gender-differentiated relationships in producing, using, working with, or lifecycle engagement with mercury;
- advocacy around controlling use and exposures;
- gender relationship across all sectors – mining, energy, manufacturing processes, consumer products such as cosmetics and other mercury-added products, and mercury waste management;
- information on integrating gender into national policies, plans and actions;
- other information.

Information should be sent to mea-minamatasecretariat@un.org by **December 13th**. Please be informed that respective [announcement](#) of the call has been published on the Minamata Convention website.

Yours sincerely,



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Executive Secretary

To: Governments through their official channels of communication to the UN Environment Programme; Observers admitted to the meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury.

Cc: National Focal Points for the Minamata Convention on Mercury;
Permanent Missions to the UN Environment Programme and to the UN in Geneva.