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Q1 INFORMATION ON THE PARTY

Name of the party **Republic of Moldova**

Q2 Date on which its instrument of ratification, accession, approval or acceptance was deposited **Date** **20/06/2017**

Q3 Date of entry into force of the Convention for the party **Date** **12/05/2017**

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Q7 1. Does the party have any primary mines that were operating within its territory at the date of entry into force of the Convention for the party? (Para. 3.)	No
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Q8 c. If yes, please indicate Total amount mined _____ metric tons per year	-
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Q9 Additional information on this question if needed	-
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Q10 3. Has the party endeavoured to identify individual stocks of mercury or mercury compounds exceeding 50 metric tons and sources of mercury supply generating stocks exceeding 10 metric tons per year that are located within its territory? (Para. 5.)	No
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Q11 If the party answered Yes to Question 3 above: i. Please attach the results of your endeavour or indicate where it is available on the internet, unless unchanged from a previous reporting round.	-
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Q12 ii. Supplemental: Please provide any related information, for example on the use or disposal of mercury from such stock and sources.	-
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Q13 5. Has the party received consent, or relied on a general notification of consent, in accordance with article 3, including any required certification from importing non-parties, for all exports of mercury from the party's territory in the reporting period? (Para. 6, para. 7.) **No**

Q14 If yes, a. and the party has submitted copies of the consent forms to the secretariat, then no further information is needed. If the party has not previously provided such copies, it is recommended that it do so. Otherwise, please provide other suitable information showing that the relevant requirements of paragraph 6 of article 3 have been met. Supplemental: please provide information on the use of the exported mercury. -

Q15 Kindly attach all relevant information here -

Q16 b. If exports were based on a general notification in accordance with article 3, paragraph 7, please indicate, if available, the total amount exported and any relevant terms or conditions in the general notification related to use. -

Q17 Kindly attach any relevant information here -

Q18 Part E. As per agreed reporting format, Parties are invited to provide additional comments on this article in free text. Kindly use the box below. -

Q19 2. Are there facilities for final disposal of waste consisting of mercury or mercury compounds in the party's territory? **No**

Q20 If yes, if the information is available, how much waste consisting of mercury or mercury compounds has been subjected to final disposal under the reporting period? Please specify the method of the final disposal operation/operations. -

Q21 Kindly attach any additional relevant information here -

Q22 Part E. As per agreed reporting format, Parties are invited to provide additional comments on this article in free text. Kindly use the box below. -

Q23 Part C. Comments regarding possible challenges in meeting the objectives of the Convention (Art. 21, para. 1)

To date, Moldova has undertaken important efforts to facilitate the Minamata Convention implementation, such as conducting mercury release inventories from main sources, adopted the new Waste Law nr 209 from 29 July 2016, that specifically incorporates the Article 58 regarding mercury waste, adopted WEEE regulation nr 212 from 07 March 2018, that introduces EPR principle for the major EEE products, conducted consultations with the national stakeholders on mercury management perspectives on the country. the Chemicals Law 277/2018 was recently adopted. The Art. 17 restricts and prohibits place on market of several mercury containing products.

Yet, an important step in post-ratification process, is the need to support on further building up institutional, technical and additional regulatory capacity of the country consistent with the Convention's provision. As such, knowledge and good practice on sound life cycle management of mercury and mercury waste are missing at country level, particularly in relation to storage and treatment of mercury containing products and waste. In addition there aren't policies and incentives in place to support faster transition to mercury-free / low mercury alternatives, mainly due to limited national data on products of concern and cost-benefit analysis of those. Also, the risk of exposure, particularly domestic or vocational hasn't been fully assessed, thus this is an obstacle towards formulation of the beneficiary-targeted communication strategy.

Q24 Part D. Comments regarding the reporting format and possible improvements, if any -

Q25 Additional information to supplement that request may be attached -
