

Decision 844

29 -05-2019

Establishment of the Andean Observatory
responsible for the management of official
information regarding Mercury



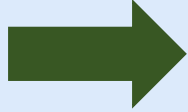
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01. PURPOSE

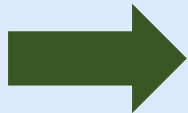
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Article 1



Article 1.- Create the “Andean Observatory responsible for the management of official information on Mercury”, which seeks to exchange information, objective, reliable, updated and comparable on the production, import, export, marketing, transport and use of the existing mercury in each Member Country of the Andean Community.

Article 2



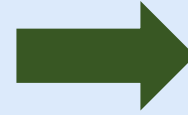
Provide the competent authorities updated information that is easily accessible and understood, with the aim that Member Countries can formulate or update public policies applied to production, import, export, marketing, transport and other related with the use and control of mercury.

02. MEMBERS

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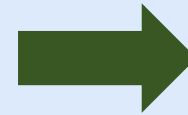
Article 3

Officers designated
by the GS of the CAN



CAN General Secretary leads and manages the Observatory, It collects and transmits the information provided by the Member Countries.

Experts designated
by each Member
Country



Member Countries will designate two experts, standing member and an alternate, who must be accredited at the General Secretariat

The GS of the CAN together with the experts will analyze the information collected and issue reports with recommendations.

03.

FUNCTIONS

Article 4 Functions

1) Collect and monitor information on the production, import, export, marketing, transportation and use of mercury.

2). Analyze the information provided by the Member Countries; as well as the information provided by intergovernmental organizations and other sources that have specialized knowledge in mercury.

3) Exchange and update regulations and technical information, for the final disposal of mercury, and on the amount of mercury seized or confiscated.

4) Prepare semiannual reports on the information provided by the Member Countries, which must contain recommendations.

5) Make recommendations that may refer, among other aspects, to strengthen and develop the Observatory, expanding the information or variables to be provided by the Member Countries, the Inputs to be reported or other aspects that they deem relevant.

6) Make recommendations on public policies applied to the production, importation, exportation, marketing, transportation, and others related to the use and control of mercury, for decision-making and the development of programs linked to the reduction or phase-out of the use of mercury in mining.

7) Seek training the officials of the Member Countries on the issues identified in the development of this Decision.

04.

FUNCTIONING

Functioning



Article 5

Each Member Country must send to the GS of the CAN, official information available and updated on the production, importation, exportation, marketing, transportation and use of mercury.

The SG will collect the information provided by the Member Countries and forward it to the members of the Observatory.

Once the information is received, the GS of the CAN, within a period of 5 days, will convene a meeting to the members of the Observatory, to analyze the information.

The SG together with the experts from the Member Countries will issue a report every semester.

Article 8.- The report with the recommendations of the Observatory will be sent to the CAMI, which, if deemed pertinent, may formulate and submit a draft Decision to (CAMRE).

05.

REGULATION

Reglamento

Artículo 7.- Within 90 calendar days from the day following the entry into force of this Decision, the GS of the CAN, at the proposal of Andean Ad-Hoc Committee on Illegal Mining (CAMI), will regulate this Decision by Resolution. Likewise, at the proposal of CAMI, the SG will adopt the resolutions that are necessary for the implementation of this Decision.



Advances in Regulation

On August 8, through videoconference, Peru presented the proposal for a Regulation.

On August 23, a videoconference was held to review the regulations with the PM.

On September 13, Colombia sent its comments to the draft regulations and variables.

On September 23, a videoconference was held to review the comments on the regulations with the PM.

We are currently continuing to conclude the Regulation

06.

PROGRESS

Progress

- Workshop to share knowledge between Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Panama and Peru on the implementation of the provisions on trade of the Minamata Convention, (October 8-10, 2019, La Paz, Bolivia)
- Formulation of a GEF project: “Improving knowledge and control of mercury trade in Latin America and promoting Minamata Convention compliance”





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Gracias