



# MINAMATA CONVENTION ON MERCURY

## **Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Review of Annexes A and B**

Third On-line Meeting  
Wednesday 1 July 2020, 14h00-16h00 CEST

### Summary

#### **Members**

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Ms. Noluzuko (Zukie) Gwayi, South Africa  
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#### **Observers and partner organizations**

Mr. David Lennett, NRDC  
Ms. Elena Lymberidi, ZMWG  
Mr. Griffins Ochieng Ochola, CEJAD Kenya  
Mr. Yan Lin, Norwegian Institute for Water Research  
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Ms. Carolyn Vickers, WHO  
Ms. Sandra Averous-Monnery, UNEP/Global Mercury Partnership

#### **1. Opening**

Takafumi Anan of the Minamata Convention Secretariat opened the meeting. He noted that Mr. Serge Molly Allo'o Allo'o, Mr. Darren Byrne and Mr. Chris Allen were unable to participate. He introduced six observers with horizontal expertise and representatives of partner organisations that were invited to this meeting. He invited Ms. Gwenetta Fordyce, one of the co-chairs to chair the meeting.

The group adopted the agenda as circulated in advance.

## **2. Schedule of work including arrangements of separate group-calls**

The co-chair recalled that at the second online meeting held on 3 June 2020, the group requested the Secretariat to draft a schedule of work based on the timelines set out in Decision MC-3/1, and elaborating on deadlines of tasks and plans for meetings.

Upon invitation from the co-chair, the Secretariat explained the draft schedule of work (Document 3-2), noting that the submitting Parties will also be invited to the upcoming online meetings and respective group-calls. He also noted that the Secretariat has reached out to Batteries Association of Japan, North America and Latin America, asking them to participate in the group-call on batteries. There are a good number of observers for lamps, but not for other categories. The Secretariat also explained that if amendment proposals for Annexes were to be submitted from Parties, they need to be circulated to Parties six months before the COP, which is 1 May 2021 for COP-4.

Some experts commented that the report of the group should be finalized well before the 31 April 2021 deadline set out in MC-3/1, so that Parties will have sufficient time to refer to the report to prepare any possible amendment proposal of Annexes. Other experts commented that there is no direct link between the timelines set out in MC-3/1 and the deadline for Parties to submit amendment proposal to COP-4. The Secretariat will discuss with the co-chairs and propose a revised draft schedule as soon as possible, taking into account the comments received.

On the arrangement of group-calls, the group agreed on the following points:

- The Secretariat will chair all the group-calls;
- Experts and horizontal observers are invited to participate in all the group-calls ;
- Vertical observers and submitting Parties are invited to participate in respective group-calls;
- The session on lamps should be split into two categories, since there are several types of lamps listed in Annex A;
- Switches/relays and measuring devices should be discussed separately;
- Cosmetics should be discussed separately from pesticides, biocides, topical antiseptics and other non-electronic products;
- A session on dental amalgam should be added to support the process under Decision MC-3/2.

Some experts commented that the group should make full use of time during July and August, noting that some categories of products and processes might need additional group-calls for discussion. One expert suggested arranging meetings on Wednesdays in principle considering other technical expert groups are planning meetings.

The group agreed to meet again during July for a short discussion to agree on the details of the schedule of work, and requested the Secretariat to prepare a revised draft schedule and circulate it to the group in advance of the meeting.

Before closing the agenda, the co-chair requested the members of the group to continue their efforts to identify candidates for vertical observers to be invited to respective group-calls.

## **3. How to enrich the submitted information**

The co-chair opened the floor for discussion on how to enrich submitted information. She recalled that the group requested the Secretariat to develop a simple compilation of submissions using the agreed templates to support the group on identifying areas of information that needs to be enriched by Parties and observers.

The Secretariat explained about the simple compilation of submissions on batteries. Members of the group will be invited to share inputs and comments on the simple compilation.

The group acknowledged the work by the Secretariat, and requested to continue organizing the previous submissions in the agreed templates and circulate the result to the group for comments. The group also requested the Secretariat to remind the Parties and stakeholders on the extended deadline of submissions.

#### **4. Any other business**

As agreed in agenda item 2, the group will meet again in July to have a short discussion to agree on the schedule of work, and to have another meeting after the 31 July deadline of submission to discuss any changes to the work plan and to plan for the group calls. Secretariat will do a Doodle poll to set up a date.