



# MINAMATA CONVENTION ON MERCURY

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Subject: Call for contributions for the regional preparatory meetings for COP-3

Dear Madam, dear Sir,

We are pleased to write to you amid a busy intersessional period with significant progress on a number of items in the run up to the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP-3). During the recent Bureau meeting, held in Geneva on 26 April, the Bureau identified tentative dates for the regional preparatory meetings to support COP-3 as follows:

- Asia-Pacific: 7-8 October 2019 (Venue: TBC)
- Africa: 15-16 October 2019 (Venue: TBC)
- Central and Eastern Europe: 22-23 October 2019 (Venue: Tallinn, Estonia)
- Latin America and the Caribbean: 29-30 October 2019 (Venue: TBC)

We would like to take this opportunity, as we did in our letter of 19 December 2018, to seek your support for contributions to fund these regional preparatory meetings. To date the Secretariat has received one pledge of support. We are, therefore, unfortunately far behind the estimated US\$ 535,000 budgeted as required to hold these meetings. This amount will fund the travel of delegates from Parties from eligible developing countries and countries with economies in transition.

We continue to hear from Parties that regional preparatory meetings are fundamental for the discussion of agenda items, exchange of information at the regional level and the definition of regional positions in advance of the Conference of the Parties. We, therefore, would like to bring this important matter to your attention again, and with it the need to raise the required funds to support the organization of these meetings.

We would also like to note that we welcome offers to host the regional meetings for Africa, Asia-Pacific and Latin America and the Caribbean, and record our appreciation to Estonia for confirming their intention to host the meeting for the Central and Eastern Europe region.

We would like to thank you for your consideration of this important endeavor to support full preparations towards the next meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Best wishes,

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