



## United Nations Environment Programme

**Implementation and Compliance Committee**  
**Minamata Convention on Mercury**  
**Third meeting**  
Online, 7-8 June 2021  
Item 2 (c) of the provisional agenda\*  
**Organizational matters: organization of work**

### Annotations to the provisional agenda<sup>1</sup>

#### Introduction

1. Article 15 of the Minamata Convention on Mercury establishes an Implementation and Compliance Committee as a subsidiary body of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention.
2. At its second meeting, held in Geneva from 3 to 4 June 2019<sup>2</sup>, the Committee elected Ms. Claudia Sorina Dumitru (Romania) as Chair and Mr. Mohamed Abdulai Kamara (Sierra Leone) as Vice-Chair and Rapporteur to serve for the period commencing at the end of the meeting until the closure of the following one.
3. Pursuant to the Committee's rules of procedure, the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP-3) re-elected ten members from among the first members of the Committee for one term (from the end of COP-3 until the end of COP-4) and elected five new members for two terms (from the end of COP-3 until the end of COP-5). The current members of the Implementation and Compliance Committee are:

From Africa:

Mr. Hanitriniaina Liliane Randrianomenjanahary (Madagascar)

Mr. Mohamed Abdoulay Kamara (Sierra Leone)

Mr. Christopher Kanema (Zambia)

From the Asia-Pacific States:

Ms. Haijun Chen (China)

Ms. Itsuki Kuroda (Japan)

Mr. Ahmad Al Qataneh (Jordan),

From the Central and Eastern European States:

Ms. Dubravka Marija Krekovic (Croatia)

\* UNEP/MC/ICC.3/1.

<sup>1</sup> This document has not been formally edited.

<sup>2</sup> See document UNEP/MC/COP.3/13– "Report on the work of the Implementation and Compliance Committee of the Minamata Convention on Mercury"

Ms. Svetlana Bolocan (Moldova)

Ms. Claudia Sorina Dumitru (Romania)

From the Latin American and Caribbean States:

Ms. Paulina Riquelme (Chile)

Mr. José Antonio Piedra Montoya (Ecuador),

Mr. Arturo Gavilan García (Mexico)

From the Western European and other States:

Mr. Gene Smilansky (United States of America),

Ms. Janine van Aalst (Netherlands)

Ms. Karoliina Anttonen (Finland)

4. Pursuant to paragraph 3 of Rule 3 of the Committee's Rules of Procedure, the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties elected for two terms five new members from the following countries: Zambia, Jordan, Croatia, Chile and Finland. The remaining ten members were re-elected for one term.

5. The present document sets out annotations to the provisional agenda for the third meeting of the Committee (document UNEP/MC/ICC.3/1).

6. Pursuant to paragraph 4 (a) of Article 15, the Committee may consider any submission from a party with respect to its own compliance as well as any request emanating from the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties. However, no submission nor request were received by the time of finalising these documents. Therefore, the Committee is not expected to consider any written submission from a Party with respect to its own compliance nor any request from the Conference of the Parties during its third meeting. Any written submission received by the Secretariat in the future will be duly notified to the Committee.

7. Another item on the provisional agenda for consideration by the Committee relates to the short national reports pursuant to article 21 that were due by parties by the end of 2019 and that the Committee may wish to discuss pursuant to paragraph 4 (b) of Article 15, including in light of its future work programme. The Secretariat will also provide the Committee with an update on activities undertaken by the Secretariat to enhance implementation of and compliance with the provisions of the Convention as well as on other relevant developments, including the organization of the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. Finally, as provided for under rule 17 of the rules of procedure, the provisional agenda includes items on the work programme, the dates, duration and venue of the Committee's next meeting as well as any other matters.

## **Item 1**

### **Opening of the meeting**

8. Pursuant to its rules of procedure (rule 9), meetings of the Committee shall be held in person at least once during each intersessional period between ordinary meetings of the Conference of the Parties, unless otherwise decided by the Committee. However, due to the exceptional circumstances related to the Covid-19 pandemic, it will not be possible to organize an in-person meeting. The third meeting of the Implementation and Compliance Committee will therefore be held online from 7 to 8 June 2021. The meeting will be formally opened at 1 p.m. (Geneva time) on Monday, 7 June 2021 by the Chair of the Committee, Ms. Claudia Sorina Dumitru.

## **Item 2**

### **Organizational matters**

#### **(a) Adoption of the agenda**

9. The Committee may wish to consider and adopt its agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda (document UNEP/MC/ICC/3/1), which has been prepared by the Secretariat in agreement with the Chair, as per the rules of procedure (rule 16).

#### **(b) Election of officers**

Pursuant to its rules of procedure (rule 4), the Committee shall elect, during each in-person meeting, a Chair and a Vice-Chair who shall act as Rapporteur, from among the members present at the meeting,

with due consideration to equitable geographical representation based on the five United Nations regional groups. These officers shall commence their term of office at the closure of the meeting at which they are elected and remain in office until the closure of the following meeting of the Committee. These are to maintain coherence across two terms. The offices of the Chair and Vice-Chair shall normally be subject to rotation among the United Nations regional groups. Under the current exceptional circumstances related to the Covid-19 pandemic, which are preventing the organization of an in-person meeting, it is proposed that the Committee elects a Chair and a Vice-Chair during its third online meeting.

10. In light of the above, the Committee will elect the officers who will serve for the period commencing at the end of the meeting until the closure of the following one. In so doing, it may note that the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties shall elect for two terms ten new members to replace those members whose period of office is about to expire. For continuity's sake, the Committee may wish to elect a Chair and Vice-Chair amongst the five new members that were elected for two terms by the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties and whose terms will therefore continue after the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

**(c) Organization of work**

11. It is suggested that the Committee meets online over two days on Monday 7 June and Tuesday 8 June 2021 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Geneva time) each day, subject to adjustments as necessary. A list of documents prepared for the meeting is available in the annex to the present note.

### **Item 3**

#### **Update from the Secretariat**

12. The Secretariat will provide an update on activities undertaken to enhance implementation of and compliance with the provisions of the Convention, as well as on other relevant developments, including the organization of the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, notifications submitted by Parties pursuant to paragraph 9 of article 3, and other relevant registrations and submissions received by the Secretariat during the period between the second and third meeting of the Committee.

### **Item 4**

#### **National reporting pursuant to Article 21 of the Convention**

13. Article 21 of the Convention requires that each Party reports to the Conference of the Parties, through the Secretariat, on the measures it has taken to implement the provisions of this Convention, and on the effectiveness of such measures and the possible challenges in meeting the objectives of the Convention. Further to this article, at its first meeting, the Conference of the Parties, in its decision [MC-1/8](#), adopted the format and timing of reporting by parties in accordance with article 21. The full format covers 43 questions to be reported on by all Parties every four years, while the short report covers 4 questions (as marked by \* in the full format) and is to be reported on by Parties every two years. It is to be noted that, in addition to the questions, the reporting format also includes: Part C which gives Parties the opportunity to comment on possible challenges in meeting the objectives of the Convention; Part D which gives Parties the opportunity to comment on the reporting format and possible improvements; and Part E which provides Parties the opportunity to provide additional comment on each of the articles in free text if the Party wishes to do so. Further on the timing of national reporting, according to the same decision, the first biennial national short reports using available information were due by 31 December 2019.

14. Of the 114 Parties to the Convention that were Party in the first reporting period ending 31 December 2019<sup>3</sup>, 63 Parties submitted their complete reports by the deadline, while an additional 34 Parties submitted their complete reports by 30 April 2021. Therefore, to date, 97 Parties of 114 Parties have submitted their reports to the Secretariat. In total this represents a 85 per cent reporting rate for the first reporting period running from 16 August 2017 to 31 December 2019.

<sup>3</sup> By 31 December 2019, 116 States or regional economic integration organizations deposited their instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession to the Convention with the Depository. The Republic of Korea deposited its instrument on 22 November 2019, and Equatorial Guinea on 24 December 2019. As the Convention comes into force 90 days after the deposit of an instrument, the Republic of Korea and Equatorial Guinea did not need to submit the short reports due by 31 December 2019, as they were not Parties yet.

15. Information transmitted in the first short reports relates to primary mining of mercury, identified stocks and sources generating stocks, trade consent (Article 3), as well as facilities for final disposal of waste consisting of mercury or mercury compounds in the party's territory (Article 11).

16. All complete national reports, as well as attachments, submitted by the Parties to the Minamata Convention for the first reporting period are available on the Convention's website at <https://www.mercuryconvention.org/Countries/Parties/Reporting/Firstnationalshortreport2019/tabid/8635/language/en-US/Default.aspx> Pursuant to paragraph 2 of Rule 40 of the rules of procedure of the Committee, the Secretariat translated into English all answers contained in the first short reports.

17. The Committee may wish to consider the report prepared by the Secretariat on the reports received for this reporting period (UNEP/MC/ICC/3/3) and consider issues and possible recommendations to the Conference of the Parties.

## **Item 5**

### **Work programme of the Implementation and Compliance Committee for 2022-2023**

18. The Committee may wish to discuss a future work programme, as required. The Committee may also wish to consider the financial implications of its planned work. To support discussions on this item, the Secretariat prepared a document containing possible elements of a draft work programme (document UNEP/MC/ICC/3/4).

## **Item 6**

### **Date, duration and venue of the fourth meeting of the Implementation and Compliance Committee**

19. The Committee may wish to consider the date, duration and venue of its fourth meeting. In accordance with its rules of procedure, unless it decides otherwise, the Committee shall meet in person at least once between each ordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties (rule 9). The Committee may hence wish to note that the Conference of the Parties will hold the online segment of its fourth meeting from 1 to 5 November 2021 and the in-person segment of its fourth meeting during the first quarter of 2022 in Bali, Indonesia. The fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties is scheduled to be held in 2023.

## **Item 7**

### **Other matters**

20. The Committee may wish to consider other matters.

## **Item 8**

### **Adoption of the report**

21. The Committee will be invited to consider requesting the rapporteur of the meeting to prepare, with the support of the secretariat, the draft report of the meeting and to circulate it to the Committee for its adoption by electronic means following closure of the meeting.

22. The final report will be submitted to the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties for consideration.

## **Item 9**

### **Closure of the meeting**

23. It is expected that the Committee will conclude its work by 4 p.m. (Geneva time) on 8 June 2021.

**Annex****List of documents prepared for the third meeting of the Implementation and Compliance Committee**

- UNEP/MC/ICC/3/1 - Provisional agenda
  - UNEP/MC/ICC/3/1 Add.1 - Annotations to the provisional agenda
  - UNEP/MC/ICC/3/2 – Update from the Secretariat
  - UNEP/MC/ICC/3/3/Rev.1 – National reporting
  - UNEP/MC/ICC/3/4 - Possible elements of a draft work programme
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