Q1 INFORMATION ON THE PARTY

| Name of the party | European Union |

Q2 Date on which its instrument of ratification, accession, approval or acceptance was deposited

| Date | 18/05/2017 |

Q3 Date of entry into force of the Convention for the party

| Date | 16/08/2017 |

Q4 INFORMATION ON THE NATIONAL FOCAL POINT

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Q5 INFORMATION ABOUT THE CONTACT OFFICER SUBMITTING THE REPORTING FORMAT IF DIFFERENT FROM THE ABOVE

Q6 DATE THE REPORT WAS SUBMITTED

| Date | 01/10/2020 |
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.)

Yes

Q8

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.)

Yes

2. If yes, please indicate Total amount mined _______ metric tons per year

Q9

Additional information on this question if needed

According to Art. 9 (1) and (2) of Regulation (EU) 2017/852 on mercury, artisanal small-scale gold mining and processing in which mercury amalgamation is used to extract gold from ore shall be prohibited. Where there is evidence of there being more than isolated cases of non-compliance with the prohibition, the competent authority of the Member State concerned shall develop and implement a national plan according to Annex IV.

Only one EU Member State has reported artisanal small-scale gold mining in their territory. Please refer to the report submitted by France.

For further information, please also consult the EEA dataviewer under https://tableau.discomap.eea.europa.eu/t/Aionline/views/MercuryPublicInformation/Activities?iid=1&isGuestRedirectFromVizportal=y&embed=y

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.)

Yes

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.

Article 3 Mercury Supply Sources and Trade.pdf (410.9KB)
Q12

ii. Supplemental: Please provide any related information, for example on the use or disposal of mercury from such stock and sources.

According to Art 12(1) of Regulation (EU) 2017/852 on mercury, economic operators within the industry sectors referred to in points (a) chlor-alkali industry, (b) cleaning of natural gas and (c) non-ferrous mining and smelting operations of Article 11 shall send, each year the following to the competent authority of the Member State concerned:

(a) Data on the total amount of mercury waste stored in each of their installations;
(b) Data on the total amount of mercury waste sent to individual facilities undertaking the temporary storage, the conversion and, if applicable, solidification of mercury waste, or the permanent storage of mercury waste that underwent conversion and, if applicable, solidification;
(c) The location and contact details of each facility referred to in point (b);
(d) A copy of the certificate provided by the operator of the facility undertaking the temporary storage of mercury waste, in accordance with Article 14(1);
(e) A copy of the certificate provided by the operator of the facility undertaking the conversion and, if applicable, solidification of mercury waste in accordance with Article 14(2);
(f) A copy of the certificate provided by the operator of the facility undertaking permanent storage of mercury waste that underwent conversion and, if applicable, solidification in accordance with Article 14(3).

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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.

According to Article 3 of Regulation (EU) 2017/852 on mercury, the export of mercury shall be prohibited. The export of the mercury compounds and of the mixtures of mercury listed in Annex I shall be prohibited as from the dates set out therein.

According to Article 4 of Regulation (EU) 2017/852 on mercury, the import of mercury and the import of the mixtures of mercury listed in Annex I, including mercury waste from any of the large sources referred to in points (a) and (b) of Article 11, for purposes other than disposal as waste shall be prohibited. Such import for disposal of waste shall only be allowed where the exporting country has no access to available conversion within its own territory. The import of mercury and the import of mixtures of mercury listed in Annex I for a use allowed in a Member State shall be allowed where the importing Member State has granted written consent to such import.

Please refer to reports submitted by individual EU Member States.

Q19

2. Are there facilities for final disposal of waste consisting of mercury or mercury compounds in the party’s territory?

Yes

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.

Article 11 Mercury Wastes.pdf (405.7KB)
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.

According to Article 18 of Regulation (EU) 2017/852 on mercury, Member States shall prepare, provide to the Commission and make publicly available on the internet a report including:

(d) Information regarding mercury located in their territories: (i) a list of sites where stocks of more than 50 metric tonnes of mercury other than mercury waste are located as well as the amount of mercury at each site and (ii) a list of sites where more than 50 metric tonnes of mercury waste is accumulated as well as the amount of mercury waste at each site; and
(e) A list of sources supplying more than 10 metric tonnes of mercury per year, where Member States are made aware of such sources.

For further information, please also consult the EEA dataviewer under https://tableau.discomap.eea.europa.eu/t/Aironline/views/MercuryPublicInformation/Waste?%3A iid=1&%3AisGuestRedirectFromVizportal=y&%3Aembed=y

Q23

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

Q24

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

Q25

Additional information to supplement that request may be attached.