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**Work to prepare for the entry into force of the Minamata
Convention on Mercury and for the first meeting of the
Conference of the Parties to the Convention: matters
required by the Convention to be decided upon by the
Conference of the Parties at its first meeting**

Draft reporting format as amended by the intergovernmental negotiating committee on mercury at its sixth session

Note by the secretariat

1. Paragraph 1 of article 21 of the Minamata Convention on Mercury requires each party to report to the Conference of the Parties on the measures that it has taken to implement the provisions of the Convention and on the effectiveness of such measures and the possible challenges in meeting the objectives of the Convention. Paragraph 2 of the same article specifies that the reporting shall include the information called for in articles 3, 5, 7, 8 and 9 of the Convention. Paragraph 3 provides that the Conference of the Parties shall, at its first meeting, decide upon the timing and format of the reporting to be followed by the parties, taking into account the desirability of coordinating reporting with other relevant chemicals and wastes conventions.
2. In paragraph 6 of its resolution on arrangements in the interim period (UNEP(DTIE)/Hg/CONF/4, annex I), the Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Minamata Convention requested the intergovernmental negotiating committee to focus its efforts on those matters required by the Convention to be decided upon by the Conference of the Parties at its first meeting, including in particular the timing and format of reporting.
3. At its sixth session, the committee considered the draft reporting format and prepared a further working version of the format, which was annexed to the report. The committee agreed to forward it to the seventh session for consideration by all parties. That reporting format, which is annexed to the present note, is reproduced without formal editing.
4. On the subject of the frequency of reporting, the secretariat had proposed a four-year cycle. Some concerns were expressed that this would not yield sufficiently timely data, and shorter reporting cycles were suggested. The possibility of a dual cycle covering both the near and long term was then presented, as was the possibility of aligning reporting with the three-year reporting cycle applicable to artisanal and small-scale gold mining. The option of aligning reporting with the timing of the meetings

* UNEP(DTIE)/Hg/INC.7/1.

of the Conference of the Parties was also suggested. The committee did not reach a final decision on the frequency of reporting.

5. As part of the consideration of reporting, the committee requested the secretariat to prepare a compilation of information on the frequency of reporting under other multilateral environmental agreements, including the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal, the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade and the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, along with any available data on the submission of reports under such other agreement. That information is set out in document UNEP(DTIE)/Hg/INC.7/11.

6. The committee may wish to further consider the draft reporting format with a view to adopting the format on a provisional basis and forwarding it to the Conference of the Parties at its first meeting for its consideration and adoption. The committee may also wish to further consider and agree to the frequency of reporting. The adoption on a provisional basis of the format and agreement to the frequency of reporting will assist parties in preparing for the first reporting cycle, allowing them to establish procedures for gathering information between the entry into force of the Convention and the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Annex

Draft reporting format for the Minamata Convention on Mercury

Reporting on measures to be taken to implement the provisions of the Convention, the effectiveness of such measures and the challenges encountered

INSTRUCTIONS

Pursuant to article 21 of the Minamata Convention on Mercury, each Party to the Convention shall report to the Conference of the Parties on the measures it has taken to implement the provisions of the Convention and on the effectiveness of such measures and the possible challenges in meeting the objectives of the Convention.

Parties are requested to use the attached reporting form to report in accordance with article 21. An electronic version of the format is available for download from the Convention's home page: <http://www.mercuryconvention.org>. Hard copies and electronic versions in CD format are also available upon request from the secretariat (see below for contact details). Subsequent to the first report, the secretariat will send out an electronic version of a Party's previous national report so that it can be updated, as appropriate.

Part A of the reporting format calls for general information on the party for which the report is being submitted, such as the name and contact details of the national focal point submitting the report on behalf of the party. It is expected that this national focal point will have been designated by the party in accordance with article 17, paragraph 4, of the Convention. It is important that all relevant information be provided in order to assist the secretariat in identifying the completed report.

Part B of the format calls for information on the measures taken by the party to implement the relevant provisions of the Minamata Convention and on the effectiveness of such measures in meeting the objectives of the Convention.

Note that the effectiveness of implementing measures that are described by a Party is separate from the evaluation of the effectiveness of the treaty under Article 22. Description of the effectiveness of the implementing measures should be provided based on a Parties' particular situation and capabilities, but should nevertheless be handled as consistently as possible in each Party's report. If any requested information is not available, this should be indicated, along with an explanation.

Part C provides an opportunity to comment on possible challenges in meeting the objectives of the Convention.

Part D provides an opportunity to comment on the reporting format and possible improvements.

Additional information to supplement that requested may be attached.

Completed reporting formats must be submitted to the Conference of the Parties through the Minamata Convention secretariat. Further information and assistance may be sought from the secretariat at the following address:

Secretariat for the Minamata Convention

United Nations Environment Programme

To be completed

Internet home page: www.mercuryconvention.org

Part A

| <i>MINAMATA CONVENTION ON MERCURY NATIONAL REPORT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 21</i> | |
|--|---|
| 1. INFORMATION ON THE PARTY | |
| Name of Party | |
| Date on which its instrument of ratification, accession, approval or acceptance was deposited | <i>(day/month/year)</i> |
| 2. INFORMATION ON THE NATIONAL FOCAL POINT | |
| Full name of the institution | |
| Name and title of contact officer | |
| Mailing address | |
| Telephone number | |
| Fax number | |
| Email | |
| Web page | |
| 3. INFORMATION ON THE CONTACT OFFICER SUBMITTING THE REPORTING FORMAT IF DIFFERENT FROM THE ABOVE | |
| Full name of the institution | |
| Name and title of contact officer | |
| Mailing address | |
| Telephone number | |
| Fax number | |
| Email | |
| Web page | |
| 4. PERIOD REPORTED | <i>First report for the period (day/month/year) to (day/month/year)</i> |
| 5. DATE THE REPORT WAS SUBMITTED | <i>(day/month/year)</i> |

Part B**Article 3: Mercury supply sources and trade**

1. Does the party have any primary mercury mines that were operating within its territory at the date of entry into force of the Convention for the party? [Para 3]

Yes

No

If **yes**, please indicate:

a) the anticipated date of closure of the mine[s]: [month, year] OR

b) the date upon which the mine[s] closed: [month, year]

If the party answered yes above, please indicate [yearly information on the amounts of] [whether the] mercury from this primary mercury mine [that] was used [Para 4]

a. For manufacture of products pursuant to Article 4 [____ tons per year]

b. For processes using mercury pursuant to Article 5 [____ tons per year]

c. For disposal pursuant to Article 11 [____ tons per year]

d. Other (please elaborate) [____ tons per year]

2. Does the party have any primary mercury mines that are now in operation that were not previously in operation at the time of entry into force of the Convention for the party? [Para 3, Para 11]

- Yes
 No

If **yes**, please explain.

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
 No

a) Are there individual stocks of mercury or mercury compounds exceeding 50 metric tons within the party's territory? [Para 5 (a)] [Supplemental information]

- Yes
 No
 Do not know (please explain)

If **yes**, what is the total amount of those stocks?... metric tons

b) Are there sources of mercury supply generating stocks exceeding 10 metric tons per year located within the party's territory? [Para 5 (a)] [Supplemental information]

- Yes
 No
 Do not know (please explain)

[c) If the party answered yes above, please indicate yearly information on the amounts of mercury that was used [Para 5 (a)]

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|--|---|
| a. For manufacture of products pursuant to Article 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> -[____] tons per year] |
| b. For processes using mercury pursuant to Article 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> [____] tons per year] |
| c. For disposal pursuant to Article 11 | <input type="checkbox"/> [____] tons per year] |
| d. Other (please elaborate) | <input type="checkbox"/> [____] tons per year] |

If **yes**, what is the total amount of those stocks? ... metric tons

4. Does the party have excess mercury available from decommissioning of chlor-alkali facilities? [Para 5 (b)]

- Yes
 No

If **yes**, please explain the measures taken to ensure that the excess mercury was disposed of in accordance with the guidelines for environmentally sound management referred to in Article 11.3(a) using operations that did not lead to recovery, recycling reclamation, direct re-use or alternative uses. [Para 5 (b), para 11]

[5. Have there been exports of mercury from or imports of mercury to the party's territory, including any trade with non-parties, in the reporting period? **[Para 6]**

Yes

No

If **yes**, please indicate whether it was for :

(a) Manufacture of products pursuant to Article 4

(b) Processes using mercury pursuant to Article 5

(c) Interim storage pursuant to Article 10

(d) Disposal pursuant to Article 11

and whether any certifications were received in relation to such trade.]

[Alt 5. Have there been exports of mercury from or imports of mercury to the party's territory, including any trade with non-parties, in the reporting period? **[Para 6]**

Yes

No

If **yes**, please indicate whether it was imported for:

(a) Manufacture of products pursuant to Article 4 ____ tons per year

(b) Processes using mercury pursuant to Article 5 ____ tons per year

(c) Interim storage pursuant to Article 10 ____ tons per year

(d) Disposal pursuant to Article 11 ____ tons per year

and whether any certifications were received in relation to such trade.

If **yes**, please indicate whether it was exported for:

(a) Manufacture of products pursuant to Article 4 ____ tons per year

(b) Processes using mercury pursuant to Article 5 ____ tons per year

(c) Interim storage pursuant to Article 10 ____ tons per year

(d) Disposal pursuant to Article 11 ____ tons per year

and whether any certifications were received in relation to such trade.]

If available, please provide information on the quantities[, exporters and importers].
[Supplemental information]

[6. Has the party allowed the import of mercury from a non-Party?

Yes

No

If **yes**, did the non-Party provide certification that the mercury is not from sources as identified under paragraph 3 or paragraph 5(b) of article 3? **[Para 8]**

Yes

No

If **no**, please explain.]

[7. Has the party invoked paragraph 9 of article 3, and decided not to apply paragraph 8? [Para 9]

Yes

No

If **yes**, has the party submitted a notification of a decision to not apply paragraph 8, to the secretariat?

Yes

No

If **no**, please explain.]

[8. Do you have any other general comments on Article 3.]

Article 4: Mercury-added products

1. Are there measures in place to prevent the manufacture, import or export of mercury-added products listed in Part I of Annex A of the Convention after the phase-out date specified for those products? [Para 1]

Yes

No

If **yes**, please provide information on the measures:

If **no**, has the party registered for an exemption pursuant to Article 6?

Yes

No

If **yes**, for which products? (please list) [Para 1, para 2 (d)]

If **no**, has the party applied the alternative measures set out in paragraph 2 of Article 4?

Yes

No

If **no**, go to 3 below

2. If **yes** (implementing paragraph 2, article 4): [Para 2]

Has the party reported at the first opportunity to the Conference of the Parties a description of the measures or strategies implemented, including a quantification of the reductions achieved?

[Para 2 a]

Yes

No

Has the party implemented measures or strategies to reduce the use of mercury in any products listed in Part I of Annex A for which a de minimis value has not yet been obtained? [Para 2b]

Yes

No

If **yes**, please provide information on the measures.

Has the party [identified] [considered] additional measures to achieve further reductions? [Para 2c]

Yes

No

If **yes**, please provide information on the measures.

3. Has the party taken measures for the mercury-added products listed in Part II of Annex A in accordance with the provisions set out therein? [Para 3]

Yes

No

If **yes**, please provide information on the measures.

4. Has the party taken measures to prevent the incorporation into assembled products of mercury-added products the manufacture, import and export of which are not allowed under Article 4 6? [Para 5]

Yes

No

If **yes**, please provide information on the measures.

5. Has the party discouraged the manufacture and the distribution in commerce of mercury-added products not covered by any known use? [Para 6]

Yes

No

If **yes**, please provide information on the measures taken.

If **no**, has there been an assessment of the risks and benefits of the product that demonstrates environmental or health benefits, has the party provided to the Secretariat, as appropriate, information on any such product?

Yes – Please name product: _____

No

[8. Do you have any other general comments on Article 4.]

Article 5: Manufacturing processes in which mercury or mercury compounds are used

1. Are there facilities within the territory of the party that use mercury or mercury compounds for the processes listed in Annex B of the Minamata Convention in accordance with paragraph 5 (b) of Article 5 of the Convention? [Para 5]

Yes

No

Do not know (*please explain*)

If **yes**, please provide information on measures taken to address emissions and releases of mercury or mercury compounds from such facilities.

If available, please provide information on the number and type of facilities and the estimated annual amount of mercury or mercury compounds used in those facilities.²–[Supplemental information]

2. Are there measures in place to not allow the use of mercury or mercury compounds in manufacturing processes listed in Part I of Annex B after the phase-out date specified in that Annex for the individual process? [Para 2, Para 5(b)]

Chlor-alkali production:

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable (do not have these facilities)

If **yes**, please provide information on these measures.

Acetaldehyde production in which mercury or mercury compounds are used as a catalyst:

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable (do not have these facilities)

If **yes**, please provide information on these measures.

If **no** to either of the questions above, has the party registered for an exemption pursuant to Article 6?

- Yes
- No

If **yes**, for which process(es)? (please list)

3. Are measures in place to restrict the use of mercury or mercury compounds in the processes listed in Part II of Annex B in accordance with the provisions set out therein? [Para 3, Para 5(b)]
Vinyl chloride monomer production:

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable (do not have these facilities)

If **yes**, please provide information on these measures.

Sodium or Potassium Methylate or Ethylate:

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable (do not have these facilities)

If **yes**, please provide information on these measures.

Production of polyurethane using mercury containing catalysts:

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable (do not have these facilities)

If **yes**, please provide information on these measures.

4. Is there any use of mercury or mercury compounds in a facility that did not exist prior to the date of entry into force of the Convention for that party using the manufacturing processes listed in Annex B? **[Para 6]** [Supplemental information]

- Yes
 No

If **yes**, please explain the circumstances.

5. Is there any facility that has been developed using any other manufacturing process in which mercury or mercury compounds are intentionally used that did not exist prior to the date of entry into force of the Convention? **[Para 7]** [Supplemental information]

- Yes
 No

If **yes**, please provide information on how the party tried to discourage this development or that the party has demonstrated the environmental and health benefits to the Conference of the Parties [and that there are no technically and economically feasible mercury-free alternatives available providing such benefits].

Article 7: Artisanal and small-scale gold mining

[1.] [2.] [Is artisanal and small-scale gold mining and processing in the party's territory more than insignificant? **[Para 3]**

- Yes
 No
 Do not know (*please explain*)

[If **no**, please proceed to Article 8 on Emissions.]

If **yes**,] [H][h]as the party notified the secretariat that artisanal and small-scale gold mining within its territory is more than insignificant?

- Yes
 No

[[2.] [1.] [Are there measures in place][Have steps been taken] to reduce, and where feasible, eliminate, the use of mercury and mercury compounds in, and the emissions and releases to the environment of mercury from artisanal and small-scale gold mining [that is more than insignificant][subject to Article 7 within your territory]? **[Para 2]**

- Yes
 No

If **yes**, please provide information on measures.]

3. Has the party developed and implemented a national action plan and submitted it to the Secretariat? **[Para 3(a) and 3(b)]**

- Yes
 No
 In progress

4. [Attach your most recent review that must be completed per Article 7, paragraph 3 (c), unless it is not yet due.] [Has the party provided a review every three years of the progress made in meeting its obligations? **[Para 3(c)]**

- Yes
- No
- three year review not yet due]

[5. Has the party cooperated with other countries or relevant intergovernmental organizations or other entities to achieve the objective of this article?

- Yes
- No

If **yes**, please provide information.]

Article 8: Emissions

1. Are there, within the party's territory, relevant sources falling within one of the source categories listed in Annex D? **[Para 3]**

- Yes
- No
- Do not know (*please explain*)

[If yes, please indicate the measures taken to address emissions from these relevant sources and the effectiveness of those measures]

[

2. Are there, within the party's territory, new relevant sources of emissions of mercury or mercury compounds as [defined in paragraph 2 (c) of Article 8] [set out in Annex D to the Minamata Convention that have been constructed since the Convention entered into force for the party]? **[Para 4]**

- Yes
- No
- Do not know (*please explain*)

If **yes**, please [describe the BAT/BEP measures implemented for new sources, taking into account the BAT/BEP guidance adopted by the COP to control and where feasible reduce emissions including the effectiveness of such measures. If applying emission limit values, please explain how they are consistent with best available techniques.] [indicate the measures [taken by the party] [set out in the BAT/BEP guidance] that have been used to control and where feasible reduce emissions and if so, what is the effectiveness of those measures:]

[Have the BAT/BEP techniques for new sources been applied no later than 5 years after the date of entry into force of the Convention for the party?

- Yes
- No (*please explain*)

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| New Point sources | Yes, measures [as outlined within the BAT/BEP guidance,] have been put in place. Please provide an explanation [including emission limit values]. | No | Not applicable (no new relevant source) |
| Coal-fired power plants | | | |
| Coal-fired industrial boilers | | | |
| Smelting and roasting processes used in the production of non-ferrous metals | | | |
| Waste incineration facilities | | | |
| Cement clinker production facilities | | | |

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[3. Have measures been implemented for a party's existing sources, and if so, what is the effectiveness of those measures? **[Para 5]**

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| Existing Point sources | Yes, measures have been put in place. Please provide an explanation. | No | Not applicable (do not have these facilities) |
| Coal-fired power plants | | | |
| Coal-fired industrial boilers | | | |
| Smelting and roasting processes used in the production of non-ferrous metals | | | |
| Waste incineration facilities | | | |
| Cement clinker production facilities | | | |

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[Alt 3. Are there within the party's territory any existing sources of emissions of mercury or mercury compounds as defined in paragraph 2 (e) of Article 8?

- Yes
 No
 Do not know (*please explain*)

If **yes**, please select and provide detail on the measures implemented under paragraph 5 of Article 8 for an existing source category taking into account the guidance adopted by the COP to address emissions, and explain the progress that these applied measures achieve in reducing emissions over time in your territory.

- A quantified goal for controlling and, where feasible, reducing emissions from relevant sources;
 Emission limit values for controlling and, where feasible, reducing emissions from relevant sources;
 The use of best available techniques and best environmental practices to control emissions from relevant sources;

- A multi-pollutant control strategy that would deliver co-benefits for control of mercury emissions;
- Alternative measures to reduce emissions from relevant sources.

Have the measures for existing sources under paragraph 5 of Article 8 been implemented no later than 10 years after the date of entry into force of the Convention for the party?

- Yes
- No (*please explain*)

4. Has the party prepared an inventory of emissions from relevant sources [within 5 years of entry into force of the Convention for it]? [Para 7]

- Yes
- No
- Have not been a party for 5 years

If **yes**, has the party maintained its inventory?

- Yes
- No]

[Please indicate where this inventory is available.]

[Was the inventory of emissions from relevant sources established no later than 5 years after the date of entry into force of the Convention for the party?

- Yes
- No (*please explain*)

[5. Has the party chosen to establish criteria to identify relevant sources covered within a source category ?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please explain how the criteria for any category include at least 75 percent of the emissions from that category and explain how the party took into account guidance adopted by the COP.

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6. Has the party chosen to prepare a national plan setting out the measures to be taken to control emissions from relevant sources and its expected targets, goals and outcomes?

- Yes
- No

If yes, has the party submitted its national plan under this article no later than 4 years after the date of entry into force of the Convention for your party?

- Yes
- No (*please explain*)

Article 9: Releases

1. Are there, within the party's territory, relevant [point] sources of releases? [Para 4]

- Yes
- No
- Do not know (*please explain*)

If **yes**, please indicate the measures taken to address releases from relevant sources and the effectiveness of those measures. [Para 5]

[

2. Has the party [established] [prepared] an inventory of releases from relevant sources [within 5 years of entry into force of the convention for it]? [Para 6]

Yes

No

Have not been a party for 5 years

If **yes**, has the party maintained its inventory?

Yes

No]]

[Please indicate where the information is available]

[3. Please select and provide details on the measures implemented under paragraph 5 of Article 9 for a relevant source and explain the progress that these applied measures achieve in reducing releases over time in your territory.

Release limit values for controlling and, where feasible, reducing releases from relevant sources;

The use of best available techniques and best environmental practices to control releases from relevant sources;

A multi-pollutant control strategy that would deliver co-benefits for control of mercury releases;

Alternative measures to reduce releases from relevant sources.

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Article 10: Environmentally sound interim storage of mercury, other than waste mercury

1. Has the party taken measures to ensure that the interim storage of non-waste mercury and mercury compounds intended for a use allowed is undertaken in an environmentally sound manner? [Para 2]

Yes

No

Do not know (*please explain*)

If **yes**, please indicate the measures taken to ensure that that such interim storage is undertaken in an environmentally sound manner and the effectiveness of those measures.

Article 11: Mercury wastes¹

1. Have measures outlined in Article 11 paragraph 3 been implemented for a party's mercury waste? [Para 3]

Yes

No

If **yes**, please describe measures pursuant to paragraph 3, and please also describe the effectiveness of those measures:

¹ [Parties should take account of corresponding reporting under the Basel Convention]

[Are there facilities for managing mercury waste in the party's territory?

- Yes
- No
- Do not know (*please explain*)

If **yes**, please indicate the measures taken to ensure that mercury waste is managed in accordance with paragraph 3 of Article 11 and the effectiveness of those measures.]

Article 12: Contaminated sites

1. Has the party endeavoured to develop strategies for identifying and assessing sites contaminated by mercury or mercury compounds in its territory? **[Para 1]**

- Yes
- No

Please elaborate

[Article 13: Financial resources and mechanism

1. Has the party provided, within its capabilities, resources in respect of those national activities that are intended to implement the Convention in accordance with its national policies, priorities, plans and programmes? **[Para 1]**

- Yes (*please specify*)
- No (*please specify why*)
- Other (*please specify*)

2. Has the party, within its capability, contributed to the mechanism for the provision of financial resources? **[Para 12]**

[Supplemental information]

(*Please tick one box only*)

- Yes (*please specify*)
- No (*please specify why*)
- Other (*please provide information*)

3. Has the party provided financial resources to assist developing country parties and/or parties with economies in transition in the implementation of the Convention through other bilateral, regional and multilateral sources or channels? **[Para 3]** [Supplemental information]

(*Please tick one box only*)

- Yes (*please specify*)
- No (*please specify why*)
- Other (*please provide information*)

Article 14: Capacity-building, technical assistance and technology transfer

1. Has the party cooperated to provide capacity-building or technical assistance, pursuant to Article 14, to another party to the Convention? [Para 1]

- Yes (*Please specify*-)
 No (*Please specify*)

2. Has the party received capacity-building or technical assistance pursuant to Article 14? [Para 1]
 [Supplemental information]

- Yes (*please specify*.)
 No (*Please specify*)
 No. The party is a developed country]

[If **yes**, has the party considered that they received capacity-building or technical assistance [and transfer of technology] sufficient to implement the provisions of the Convention? Please describe]

3. Has the party promoted and facilitated the development, transfer and diffusion of, and access to, up-to-date environmentally sound alternative technologies? [Para 3]

(*Please tick one box only*)

- Yes (*please specify*)
 No (*please specify why*)
 Other (*please provide information*)

[Article 16: Health aspects

1. Have measures been taken to provide information to the public [in accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 16]? [Para 1]

- Yes
 No

If **yes**, describe the measures that have been taken.

If **yes**, what has been the effectiveness of the measures?]

Article 17: Information exchange

1. Has the party facilitated the exchange of [the kinds of] information [listed in Article 17, paragraph 1]? [Para 1]

- Yes
 No

[If **yes**, what was the subject of the information that was exchanged:

If **yes**, was the information exchanged:

- (a) Directly through the secretariat?
 Yes
 No
- (b) In cooperation with other relevant organizations, including the secretariats of chemicals and wastes conventions?
 Yes
 No]

Article 18: Public information, awareness and education

1. Have measures been taken to [provide information] [promote and facilitate the provision] to the public [of the kinds of information listed in Article 18, paragraph 1]? [Para 1]

- Yes
 No

If **yes**, please indicate the measures that have been taken and the effectiveness of those measures?

Article 19: Research, development and monitoring

[1. Has the party undertaken any research, development and monitoring?] [Para 1]

- Yes
 No

If **yes**, please describe these actions [and any information on their effectiveness].

[Article 20: Implementation plans

1. Has the party developed an implementation plan for meeting its obligations under the Convention? [Para 1]

- Yes
 No

If **yes**, has the plan been submitted to the secretariat?

- Yes
 No]

Part C: Comments regarding possible challenges in meeting the objectives of the Convention.

[Art 21, Para 1]

Part D: Comments regarding the reporting and possible improvements.

[Supplemental information]
