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**Conference of the Parties to the  
Minamata Convention on Mercury  
Fourth meeting**

Online, 1–5 November 2021 and Bali, Indonesia,  
21–25 March 2022

**Decision adopted by the fourth meeting of the Conference of the  
Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury****MC-4/12: International cooperation and coordination**

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* paragraph 5 (b) of article 23 of the Minamata Convention on Mercury, which states that the Conference of the Parties is to cooperate, where appropriate, with competent international organizations and intergovernmental and non-governmental bodies, and paragraph 2 (c) of article 24 of the Convention, which specifies the function of the secretariat to coordinate, as appropriate, with the secretariats of relevant international bodies, particularly other chemicals and waste conventions,

*Recalling also* the resolutions and other outcomes of sessions of the United Nations Environment Assembly that contribute to the implementation of the Minamata Convention and the decisions of its Conference of the Parties,

*Emphasizing* that the implementation of the Convention to protect human health and the environment from anthropogenic emissions and releases of mercury and mercury compounds contributes to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and to addressing the three planetary crises of pollution, biodiversity loss and climate change,

1. *Agrees* to keep under review the contribution made by the implementation of the Convention to the implementation of relevant resolutions and decisions of the United Nations Environment Assembly;
2. *Welcomes* United Nations Environment Assembly resolutions 5/7, on the sound management of chemicals and waste, and 5/8, on a science-policy panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution, and requests the secretariat to contribute to their implementation, as appropriate;
3. *Also welcomes* the activities of international organizations and initiatives undertaken in 2020 and 2021 to promote the ratification and implementation of the Convention, as reported to the Conference of the Parties at its fourth meeting;
4. *Invites* parties, non-parties and other stakeholders to engage further with the Global Mercury Partnership, hosted by the United Nations Environment Programme, and with its partnership areas, to support the achievement of the goals of the Convention;
5. *Takes note* of the study entitled “Interlinkages between the chemicals and waste multilateral environmental agreements and biodiversity”,<sup>1</sup> as well as the study entitled “Chemicals, wastes and climate change: interlinkages and potential for coordinated action”,<sup>2</sup> prepared jointly by

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<sup>1</sup> UNEP/MC/COP.4/INF/13.

<sup>2</sup> UNEP/MC/COP.4/INF/14.

the secretariat of the Minamata Convention and the secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions;

6. *Requests* the secretariat to continue gathering knowledge about, raising awareness of and demonstrating, through appropriate means, the contribution of the implementation of the Minamata Convention to other relevant international regulations and policies, including those related to pollution, biodiversity and climate change;

7. *Also requests* the secretariat to prepare, subject to the availability of resources, a report, including possible recommendations, on how the Convention could contribute to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, once adopted, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its fifth meeting;

8. *Further requests* the secretariat to report on the implementation of the present decision to the Conference of the Parties at its future meetings, as appropriate.

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