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Decision adopted by the second Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury

MC-2/11: Article 14: Capacity-building, technical assistance and technology transfer

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decision MC-1/21 on capacity-building, technical assistance and technology transfer for the Minamata Convention on Mercury, where it is recognized that some of the existing regional and subregional centres are already developing projects and activities regarding mercury issues,

Stressing the importance of the centres as one of the main instruments for enhancing the provision of technical assistance and capacity-building as well as supporting national efforts of developing countries and countries with economies in transition for the implementation of the chemicals and waste cluster conventions,

Highlighting the significant role of the activities that some of the regional and coordinating centres of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal and the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants are developing regarding mercury issues, projects and activities on capacity-building, technology transfer and dissemination of information, as evident from the information collected by the secretariat under decision MC-1/21,

Taking into account the formal arrangements between the regional and subregional centres and the secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions,

1. *Requests* the secretariat of the Minamata Convention to collect the information received from the existing regional, subregional and national arrangements on their capacity-building and technical assistance to support parties in implementing their obligations under the Minamata Convention, and also requests the secretariat to report thereon to the Conference of the Parties at its third meeting;

2. *Emphasizes* the relevance of using, as appropriate, regional, subregional and national arrangements, including existing regional and subregional centres, in the delivery of capacity-building and technical assistance consistent with article 14 of the Convention.