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**Decision adopted by the third Conference of the Parties to the
Minamata Convention on Mercury****MC-3/13: Guidance for completing the national reporting format**

The Conference of the Parties,

Recognizing the need for complete and consistent national reporting to provide information for the effectiveness evaluation and supporting compliance,

Welcoming the work of the secretariat to prepare information on the short national reporting format for consideration by the Conference of Parties at its third meeting,

1. *Requests* the secretariat to prepare draft guidance for the full national reporting format, in order to clarify the information being sought in the national report format;
2. *Also requests* the secretariat to seek comments from parties and other stakeholders on the draft guidance by March 2021, to take into account the comments, and to provide a revised draft of the guidance, as appropriate;
3. *Encourages* parties to use the draft guidance on a provisional basis to assist in preparing their full national reports, which are due by 31 December 2021;
4. *Requests* the secretariat to submit the draft guidance for consideration and possible adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its fourth meeting.