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**Decision adopted by the third Conference of the Parties to the  
Minamata Convention on Mercury****MC-3/6: Guidance on the management of contaminated sites**

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recognizing* the need to assist parties in the environmentally sound management of contaminated sites through the provision of guidance,

*Noting* the draft guidance on the management of contaminated sites prepared by the secretariat in consultation with nominated experts and set out in annex II to the note by the secretariat on the matter,<sup>1</sup>

1. *Adopts* the guidance on the management of contaminated sites set out in annex II to the revised note by the secretariat on the matter;<sup>2</sup>
2. *Notes* the importance of capacity-building, technical assistance and technology transfer, as appropriate and in accordance with articles 13 and 14 of the Minamata Convention on Mercury;
3. *Encourages* the parties to take the guidance into account in identifying, assessing and managing, and, as appropriate, remediating sites contaminated by mercury or mercury compounds;
4. *Requests* the secretariat to continue to collect technical information that supports the guidance, in cooperation with experts nominated by Governments, relevant networks and others, and to make such information available to parties;
5. *Notes* that the guidance may need to be revised in the future in the light of experience in its use to ensure that it continues to reflect best practice.

<sup>1</sup> UNEP/MC/COP.3/8.

<sup>2</sup> UNEP/MC/COP.3/8/Rev.1.