



REPUBLIC OF LEBANON
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT

THE MINISTER

Beirut, 31/10/2018
Our Ref: 6041/B/2018

Ms. Rossana Silva Repetto
Executive Secretary
Secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury
Avenue de la Paix 8-14, 1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland
Email: mea-minamatasecretariat@un.org

Subject: Designation of the National Focal Point to the Minamata Convention on Mercury for Lebanon/Ministry of Environment

Dear Ms. Repetto,

The Ministry of Environment in Lebanon hereby notifies the Secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury that it has designated, in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 4 of the Minamata Convention on Mercury, Mrs. Viviane Sassine, Head of Department of Chemical Safety at the Service of Environmental Technology/Directorate General of Environment to act as National Focal Point for the exchange of information under the Convention.

You will find attached to the present letter the completed designation form pursuant to her nomination.

Yours Sincerely,


Tarek El Khatib
Minister of Environment



Encl: - the completed designation form for the national focal point under the Minamata Convention on mercury

Cc: - Permanent Mission of Lebanon, Geneva, Switzerland- Fax: +41 78 68 44 178

ys - Department of Chemical Safety, Service of Environmental Technology, DGoE, MoE

- Department of Public Relations & External Affairs, Registrar, DGoE, MoE.

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MINAMATA CONVENTION ON MERCURY

FORM AND MODEL LETTER FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE NATIONAL FOCAL POINT FOR THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION UNDER THE MINAMATA CONVENTION ON MERCURY (ARTICLE 17, PARAGRAPH 4)

The Minamata Convention on Mercury requires, under its article 17, paragraph 4, that each Party designates a National Focal Point for the exchange of information under the Convention, including with regard to the consent of importing Parties under Article 3.

Non-Parties may also designate such National Focal Points, in particular to facilitate the implementation of the Convention's obligations on trade with non-Parties pursuant to Article 3.

States or regional economic integration organizations are invited to use the form below to designate their National Focal Point (*see Annex I*). This form should be completed and returned under cover of the official nomination letter from an entity duly authorized to communicate such information to the Secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury, i.e. the Government official contact point to the UN Environment Programme, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or the Permanent Mission to the UN in Geneva or to the UN Environment Programme (*see model letter of nomination in Annex II*) to the attention of:

The Executive Secretary
Secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury
United Nations Environment Programme
Postal address: Avenue de la Paix 8-14, 1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland
E-mail: mea-minamatasecretariat@un.org

The information submitted to the Secretariat regarding the designated National Focal Point will be made available on the website of the Convention at www.mercuryconvention.org.

Kindly note that self-nominations will not be considered.

For further information on the designation process, please do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat, by e-mail at mea-minamatasecretariat@un.org.



ANNEX I - FORM FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE NATIONAL FOCAL POINT UNDER THE MINAMATA CONVENTION ON MERCURY

STATE/ORGANIZATION:		Lebanon			
Please tick as appropriate:					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> First-time nomination					
<input type="checkbox"/> Replacement of current National Focal Point (s) (indicate name(s)):					
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional nomination to current National Focal Point (s) (indicate name(s)):					
NATIONAL FOCAL POINT:					
MR. <input type="checkbox"/>	MS. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FIRST NAME:	Viviane	LAST NAME:	Sassine
FUNCTIONAL TITLE:		Head of Department			
SECTION/DEPARTMENT:		Department of Chemical Safety			
ORGANIZATION/INSTITUTION:		Ministry of Environment			
ADDRESS:		Lazarieh Center, PO Box 11/2727, Beirut, Lebanon			
POST CODE:	CITY	Beirut	COUNTRY	Lebanon
TELEPHONE (include country and city code):		Fax (include country and city code):		E-MAIL ADDRESS:	
+961 1 976555		+961 1 976530		v.sassine@moe.gov.lb viviane.sassine@gmail.com	
NOTE:				

THIS NOTIFICATION HAS BEEN SUBMITTED BY:					
MR. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MS. <input type="checkbox"/>	FIRST NAME:	Tarek	LAST NAME:	El Khatib
FUNCTIONAL TITLE:		Minister of Environment			
SECTION/DEPARTMENT:				
ORGANIZATION/INSTITUTION:		Ministry of Environment			
ADDRESS:		Lazarieh Center, PO Box 11/2727, Beirut, Lebanon			
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TELEPHONE (include country and city code):		Fax (include country and city code):		E-MAIL ADDRESS:	
+961 1 976533		+961 1 976535		
DATE AND SIGNATURE:					



States/organizations who require to nominate more than one focal point are invited to submit one form for each designated individual and to specify the responsibilities of each focal point in the note section.

ANNEX II – MODEL LETTER FOR THE OFFICIAL NOMINATION

[Letterhead of relevant Ministry/Institution]

The Executive Secretary
Secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury
United Nations Environment Programme
Postal address: Avenue de la Paix 8-14, 1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland
E-mail: mea-minamatasecretariat@un.org

[Date]

Subject: Designation of the National Focal Point to the Minamata Convention on Mercury for
[name of State/organization]

Dear Sir/Madam,

[Name of State/organization] hereby notifies the Secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury that it has designated, in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 4 of the Minamata Convention on Mercury, *[Name of individual designated as National Focal Point, function, institution]* to act as National Focal Point for the exchange of information under the Convention.

You will find attached to the present letter the completed designation form pursuant to *[her/his]* nomination.

Yours faithfully,

*[Name and signature
of an entity duly authorized to communicate such information to the Secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury, i.e. the Government official contact point to the UN Environment Programme, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or the Permanent Mission to the UN in Geneva or to the UN Environment Programme.]*

