



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

Online, 1–5 November 2021*

Item 7 of the provisional agenda**

**Dates of the resumed fourth meeting of the Conference
of the Parties; venue and dates of the fifth meeting of the
Conference of the Parties****Dates of the resumed fourth meeting of the Conference of the
Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury****Note by the secretariat****I. Introduction**

1. During its fifth meeting, held online on 14 April 2021, the Bureau of the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury decided that, as a result of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and related restrictions on travel and gatherings, the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, originally planned to be held from 1 to 5 November 2021 in Bali, Indonesia, would be held in two segments: an online segment scheduled for 1 to 5 November 2021 and an in-person segment to be held during the first quarter of 2022 in Bali, Indonesia.
2. The dates of the in-person segment of the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties are subject to confirmation by a decision of the Conference of the Parties at its online segment in November 2021.
3. The dates of the in-person segment are to take into account the global COVID-19 situation, the availability of a suitable venue in Bali, the timing of the resumed fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (28 February to 2 March 2022) and the special session of the Environment Assembly to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations Environment Programme (3 and 4 March 2022).

II. Implementation

4. The Government of Indonesia and the secretariat are preparing a host country agreement to ensure the successful organization of the in-person segment of the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in Bali, Indonesia.
5. The Government of Indonesia has informed the secretariat of its preparations to host the resumed meeting in Bali from 21 to 25 March 2022.

* The resumed fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury is to convene in person in Bali, Indonesia, and is tentatively scheduled for the first quarter of 2022.

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III. Proposed action

6. The Conference of the Parties may wish to adopt a decision along the following lines:

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling that, at its third meeting, the Conference of the Parties decided to hold its fourth meeting in Bali, Indonesia, from 1 to 5 November 2021,

Conscious that the restrictions related to the coronavirus disease pandemic have not allowed the organization of the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties as originally planned,

Noting that, instead, the Bureau of the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties agreed that the meeting would be held in two segments: an online segment scheduled for 1 to 5 November 2021 and an in-person segment to be held in the first quarter of 2022,

Decides to adjourn the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention and to resume the meeting in an in-person format in Bali, Indonesia, from [--] to [--].
