

High-level Special Event
The Minamata Convention on Mercury:
Towards its early entry into force and effective implementation

**Co-organized by the Governments of
Japan, Switzerland, United States of America, Uruguay**

Assisted by the United Nations Environment Programme

Wednesday, 24 September 2014, from 1.15 pm to 2.30 pm

Conference Room 7, General Assembly Building

United Nations Headquarters, New York

Programme (provisional)

1. Opening:

1.15 pm-1.30pm Brief opening statements by the representatives of the Governments of Japan, Switzerland, United States of America and Uruguay; and Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme.

2. Ceremony of signing and/or deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval of the Minamata Convention on Mercury:

1.30 pm -2.00 pm To be presided by the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations representing the Secretary-General as the Depositary.

Representatives of relevant Governments are each invited to sign and/or deposit instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval of the Convention.

3. Towards early entry into force and effective implementation of the Minamata Convention on Mercury:

2.00 pm-2.30 pm Ministers and other representatives may wish to make brief remarks concerning efforts towards early entry into force and effective implementation of the Minamata Convention on Mercury.

4. Closure:
2.30 pm