Information for Reporting 2019 for the Minamata Convention on Mercury
MC-1/8 Timing and format of Reporting by the Parties

In accordance with article 21 of the Minamata Convention, each Party shall report every four years using the full format agreed at COP1, and report every two years with respect to the questions in that format marked by an asterisk.

• Deadline for first biennial short report: 31 December 2019

• Deadline for first full report: 31 December 2021

The Conference of the Parties:

• Encourages each party to provide an electronic version of its report

• Requests the Secretariat to make available an electronic version of the party’s previous report so that it may be updated accordingly
Reporting for the Minamata Convention on Mercury

Electronic version of the format – sent by email to each Party. More information at http://www.mercuryconvention.org

Instructions:

• Part A: General information

• Part B: Information taken to implement relevant provisions and effectiveness

• Part C: Opportunity to comment on possible challenges in meeting the objectives of the Convention.

• Part D: Opportunity to comment on the reporting format and possible improvements.

*Reporting forms must be submitted in any of the six official languages of the United Nations
Part B - Marked Questions* & Instructions for the Online Tool
Step 1: Check Your Email and Open the Online Tool

Dear Mr. XYZ,

Pursuant to Article 21, each Party to the Minamata Convention shall report to the Conference of the Parties on the measures it has taken to implement the provisions of the Convention, on the effectiveness of such measures and on possible challenges in meeting the objectives of the Convention.

We are pleased to invite you to report through an electronic questionnaire tool. The tool follows the reporting format agreed by the Conference of Parties at its first meeting and is available in the six official languages of the UN.

Through this personalized email you are given access to the login credentials to submit the first biennial short report due by 31 December 2019.

- Click on the following: [https://www.research.net/r/minamatapersorting?party=XYZ](https://www.research.net/r/minamatapersorting?party=XYZ)
- Use this password: xyyyyyy

For all accompanying information to assist your Government to complete the reporting, please visit our website [http://www.mercuryconvention.org](http://www.mercuryconvention.org) under countries/reporting or link directly to [http://bit.ly/minamata-reporting](http://bit.ly/minamata-reporting). Here you will find downloadable in all UN languages the full reporting format, as well as the forms and guidance as adopted at the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Should you have any questions, please contact us at [MIA-MinamataSecretariat@un.org](mailto:MIA-MinamataSecretariat@un.org)

Looking forward to seeing you soon at the COP3 in Geneva.

Best wishes,

Minamata Secretariat

Name of party: PARTY
Date on which its Instrument of ratification, accession, approval or acceptance was deposited: 23/09/2016
Date of entry into force of the Convention for the party: 16/08/2017
Step 2: Choose your language!

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All the official UN languages are available:
English, Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish
Step 3: Click ‘Next’ and get started!

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Reporting on measures to be taken to implement the provisions of the Convention

Pursuant to article 21 of the Minamata Convention on Mercury, each party to the Convention shall report to the Conference of the Parties on the measures it has taken to implement the provisions of the Convention, on the effectiveness of such measures and on possible challenges in meeting the objectives of the Convention.

Each party shall report every four years using the full format agreed at COP1, and report every two years with respect to the questions in that format marked by an asterisk.

- **Deadline for first biennial short report: 31 December 2019**
- Deadline for first full report: 31 December 2021

The Conference of the Parties:

- **Encourages** each party to provide an electronic version of its report.
- **Requests** the secretariat to make available to parties the above-mentioned format for reporting.
Step 4: Fill in Your Information

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PART A

Part A of the reporting format calls for general information on the party for which the report is being submitted, such as the name and contact details of the national focal point or the contact officer submitting the report on behalf of the party. It is expected that the national focal point will have been designated by the party in accordance with article 17, paragraph 4, of the Convention. It is important that all relevant information be provided in order to assist the secretariat in identifying the completed report.

INFORMATION ON THE PARTY

Name of the party: Minamata Convention on Mercury

Write the name of your Party
Step 5: Read through Part B

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PART B

Part B of the format calls for information on the measures taken by the reporting party to implement the relevant provisions of the Minamata Convention and on the effectiveness of such measures in meeting the objectives of the Convention. Note that the effectiveness of implementing measures that are described by a party is separate from the evaluation of the effectiveness of the treaty under article 22. Description of the effectiveness of the implementing measures should be provided based on a party’s particular situation and capabilities, but should nevertheless be handled as consistently as possible in the party’s report. Mandatory information forms the core of the reporting format. As noted, additional information would facilitate the evaluation of the effectiveness of the Convention and additional questions have been added to obtain this information. These additional questions are identified as supplemental information and responses can be provided voluntarily at the party’s discretion, but parties are strongly encouraged to complete these aspects where they have relevant information.
Step 6: Start Answering the Questions

Article 3: Mercury Supply Sources and Trade

1. Does the party have any primary mines that were operating within its territory at the date of entry into force of the Convention for the party? (Para. 3.)

- Yes
- No

c. If yes, please indicate Total amount mined _______ metric tons per year

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Additional information on this question if needed

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Article 3: Mercury Supply Sources and Trade

Para 3. Each party shall not allow primary mercury mining that was not being conducted within its territory at the date of entry into force of the Convention for it.
Step 6: Continue…

Article 3: Mercury Supply Sources and Trade

3. Has the party endeavoured to identify individual stocks of mercury or mercury compounds exceeding 50 metric tons and sources of mercury supply generating stocks exceeding 10 metric tons per year that are located within its territory? (Para. 5.)

☐ Yes
☐ No

If the party answered Yes to Question 3 above:

i. Please attach the results of your endeavour or indicate where it is available on the internet, unless unchanged from a previous reporting round.

Choose File

No file chosen

ii. Supplemental: Please provide any related information, for example on the use or disposal of mercury from such stock and sources.
Step 6: Continue…

Article 3: Mercury Supply Sources and Trade

5. Has the party received consent, or relied on a general notification of consent, in accordance with article 3, including any required certification from importing non-parties, for all exports of mercury from the party’s territory in the reporting period. (Para. 5, para. 7)

- Yes, exports to parties
- Yes, exports to non-parties
- No

If yes,

a. and the party has submitted copies of the consent forms to the secretariat, then no further information is needed.

If the party has not previously provided such copies, it is recommended that it do so.

Otherwise, please provide other suitable information showing that the relevant requirements of paragraph 6 of article 3 have been met.

Supplemental: please provide information on the use of the exported mercury.

Part E. As per agreed reporting format, Parties are invited to provide additional comments on this article in free text. Kindly use the box below.

Kindly attach all relevant information here
Step 6: Continue…

Article 11: Mercury Wastes

2. Are there facilities for final disposal of waste consisting of mercury or mercury compounds in the party's territory?

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Do not know (please explain)

If yes, if the information is available, how much waste consisting of mercury or mercury compounds has been subjected to final disposal under the reporting period? Please specify the method of the final disposal operation/operations.

Part E. As per agreed reporting format, Parties are invited to provide additional comments on this article in free text. Kindly use the box below.

Article 11: Mercury Wastes
Para. 3. Each Party shall take appropriate measures so that mercury waste is:

a) Managed in an environmentally sound manner, taking into account guidelines developed under the Basel Convention and in accordance with requirement that the Conference of the Parties shall adopt in an additional annex in an additional annex in accordance with Article 27. In developing requirements, the Conference of the Parties shall take into account Parties' waste management regulations and programmes;

b) Only recovered, recycled, reclaimed or directly re-used for a use allowed to a Party under this Convention or for environmentally sound disposal pursuant to paragraph 3 (a);

c) For Parties to the Basel Convention, not transported across international boundaries except for the purpose of environmentally sound disposal in conformity with this Article and with that Convention. In circumstances where the Basel Convention does not apply to transport across international boundaries, a Party shall allow such transport only after taking into account relevant international rules, standards, and guidelines.

Kindly attach any additional relevant information here

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Step 7: Providing Feedback

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PART C and D

Part C provides an opportunity to comment on possible challenges in meeting the objectives of the Convention.

Part D provides an opportunity to comment on the reporting format and possible improvements.
Step 7: Providing Feedback

**Part C.** Comments regarding possible challenges in meeting the objectives of the Convention (Art. 21, para. 1)

Additional information to supplement that request may be attached

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Step 8: Click ‘Done’ and You’re finished!