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**Report on the credentials of representatives to the  
second meeting of the Conference of the Parties**

## **Status of ratification of the Minamata Convention on Mercury as at 18 September 2018**

### **Note by the secretariat**

1. To facilitate consideration of the credentials of party representatives attending the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury, the Secretariat has prepared a table listing the States and regional economic integration organizations that have, as at 18 September 2018, deposited their instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval of or accession to the Convention with the Depositary, the Secretary-General of the United Nations. This table is set out in the annex to the present note.
2. As at 18 September 2018, 97 States and 1 regional economic integration organization had deposited their instruments with the Depositary. Chile deposited its instrument of ratification on 27 August 2018, Portugal its instrument of accession on 28 August 2018, and Sao Tome and Principe its instrument of accession on 30 August 2018. They will therefore become Parties to the Convention respectively on 25, 26 and 28 November 2018.
3. The authoritative information on the status of ratification, acceptance, approval of or accession to the Convention, as contained in the annex to the present note, is based on information provided by the Depositary on the website of the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations at <https://treaties.un.org/>.

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## Annex

### Status of ratification of the Minamata Convention on Mercury as at 18 September 2018

	<i>State / Regional economic integration organization</i>	<i>Action</i>	<i>Date of notification / Deposit</i>	<i>Date of effect</i>
1	Afghanistan	Accession	02/05/2017	16/08/2017
2	Antigua and Barbuda	Accession	23/09/2016	16/08/2017
3	Argentina	Ratification	25/09/2017	24/12/2017
4	Armenia	Ratification	13/12/2017	13/03/2018
5	Austria	Ratification	12/06/2017	10/09/2017
6	Belgium	Ratification	26/02/2018	27/05/2018
7	Benin	Ratification	07/11/2016	16/08/2017
8	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Ratification	26/01/2016	16/08/2017
9	Botswana	Accession	03/06/2016	16/08/2017
10	Brazil	Ratification	08/08/2017	06/11/2017
11	Bulgaria	Ratification	18/05/2017	16/08/2017
12	Burkina Faso	Ratification	10/04/2017	16/08/2017
13	Canada	Ratification	07/04/2017	16/08/2017
14	Chad	Ratification	24/09/2015	16/08/2017
15	Chile	Ratification	27/08/2018	25/11/2018
16	China	Ratification	31/08/2016	16/08/2017
17	Costa Rica	Ratification	19/01/2017	16/08/2017
18	Croatia	Ratification	25/09/2017	24/12/2017
19	Cuba	Accession	30/01/2018	30/04/2018
20	Czechia	Ratification	19/06/2017	17/09/2017
21	Denmark	Approval	18/05/2017	16/08/2017
22	Djibouti	Ratification	23/09/2014	16/08/2017
23	Dominican Republic	Ratification	20/03/2018	18/06/2018
24	Ecuador	Ratification	29/07/2016	16/08/2017
25	El Salvador	Accession	20/06/2017	18/09/2017
26	Estonia	Accession	21/06/2017	19/09/2017
27	Eswatini	Accession	21/09/2016	16/08/2017
28	European Union	Approval	18/05/2017	16/08/2017
29	Finland	Acceptance	01/06/2017	30/08/2017
30	France	Ratification	15/06/2017	13/09/2017
31	Gabon	Acceptance	24/09/2014	16/08/2017
32	Gambia	Ratification	07/11/2016	16/08/2017
33	Germany	Ratification	15/09/2017	14/12/2017
34	Ghana	Ratification	23/03/2017	16/08/2017
35	Guinea	Ratification	21/10/2014	16/08/2017
36	Guyana	Ratification	24/09/2014	16/08/2017
37	Honduras	Ratification	22/03/2017	16/08/2017
38	Hungary	Ratification	18/05/2017	16/08/2017

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39	Iceland	Accession	03/05/2018	01/08/2018
40	India	Ratification	18/06/2018	16/09/2018
41	Indonesia	Ratification	22/09/2017	21/12/2017
42	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Ratification	16/06/2017	14/09/2017
43	Jamaica	Ratification	19/07/2017	17/10/2017
44	Japan	Acceptance	02/02/2016	16/08/2017
45	Jordan	Ratification	12/11/2015	16/08/2017
46	Kiribati	Accession	28/07/2017	26/10/2017
47	Kuwait	Ratification	03/12/2015	16/08/2017
48	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Accession	21/09/2017	20/12/2017
49	Latvia	Ratification	20/06/2017	18/09/2017
50	Lebanon	Accession	13/10/2017	11/01/2018
51	Lesotho	Accession	12/11/2014	16/08/2017
52	Liechtenstein	Accession	01/02/2017	16/08/2017
53	Lithuania	Ratification	15/01/2018	15/04/2018
54	Luxembourg	Ratification	21/09/2017	20/12/2017
55	Madagascar	Ratification	13/05/2015	16/08/2017
56	Mali	Ratification	27/05/2016	16/08/2017
57	Malta	Ratification	18/05/2017	16/08/2017
58	Mauritania	Ratification	18/08/2015	16/08/2017
59	Mauritius	Ratification	21/09/2017	20/12/2017
60	Mexico	Ratification	29/09/2015	16/08/2017
61	Monaco	Ratification	24/09/2014	16/08/2017
62	Mongolia	Ratification	28/09/2015	16/08/2017
63	Namibia	Accession	06/09/2017	05/12/2017
64	Netherlands	Acceptance	18/05/2017	16/08/2017
65	Nicaragua	Ratification	29/10/2014	16/08/2017
66	Niger	Ratification	09/06/2017	07/09/2017
67	Nigeria	Ratification	01/02/2018	02/05/2018
68	Norway	Ratification	12/05/2017	16/08/2017
69	Palau	Ratification	21/06/2017	19/09/2017
70	Panama	Ratification	29/09/2015	16/08/2017
71	Paraguay	Ratification	26/06/2018	24/09/2018
72	Peru	Ratification	21/01/2016	16/08/2017
73	Portugal	Accession	28/08/2018	26/11/2018
74	Republic of Moldova	Ratification	20/06/2017	18/09/2017
75	Romania	Ratification	18/05/2017	16/08/2017
76	Rwanda	Accession	29/06/2017	27/09/2017
77	Samoa	Ratification	24/09/2015	16/08/2017
78	Sao Tome and Principe	Accession	30/08/2018	28/11/2018
79	Senegal	Ratification	03/03/2016	16/08/2017
80	Seychelles	Ratification	13/01/2015	16/08/2017

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81	Sierra Leone	Ratification	01/11/2016	16/08/2017
82	Singapore	Ratification	22/09/2017	21/12/2017
83	Slovakia	Ratification	31/05/2017	29/08/2017
84	Slovenia	Ratification	23/06/2017	21/09/2017
85	Sri Lanka	Ratification	19/06/2017	17/09/2017
86	Saint Kitts and Nevis	Accession	24/05/2017	22/08/2017
87	Suriname	Accession	02/08/2018	31/10/2018
88	Sweden	Ratification	18/05/2017	16/08/2017
89	Switzerland	Ratification	25/05/2016	16/08/2017
90	Syrian Arab Republic	Ratification	26/07/2017	24/10/2017
91	Thailand	Accession	22/06/2017	20/09/2017
92	Togo	Ratification	03/02/2017	16/08/2017
93	United Arab Emirates	Ratification	27/04/2015	16/08/2017
94	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Ratification	23/03/2018	21/06/2018
95	United States of America	Acceptance	06/11/2013	16/08/2017
96	Uruguay	Ratification	24/09/2014	16/08/2017
97	Viet Nam	Approval	23/06/2017	21/09/2017
98	Zambia	Ratification	11/03/2016	16/08/2017