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Subject: Launch of the online budget forum for the Minamata Convention on Mercury

Dear Madam/Sir,

The secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury has the pleasure to invite Parties to the Convention to participate in the online forum dedicated to the programme of work and budget of the Convention for the 2022-2023 biennium and its financial matters. The programme of work and budget for the biennium has been developed by the secretariat as a proposal to the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP-4) taking place on 1-5 November 2021.

Within the forum, Parties can review, comment and/or ask questions about the proposed programme of work and budget ahead of its consideration by the Conference of the Parties, and in particular the programme of work and budget for 2022 which must be adopted during the online segment of COP-4. The secretariat will provide responses to all questions posted in the forum, which will be opened from 15 September until 15 October 2021.

Each delegation member nominated through the pre-registration platform will receive a unique link to access the Minamata online budget forum following the same roles you have established in it:

- Heads and alternate heads of delegations will have the right to view and post questions and comments.

- All other members of the delegation will have the right to view and navigate through the forum.

We encourage your government to nominate your delegation using the pre-registration platform to be able to participate in the discussion.

I hope you will find the forum useful in your preparations for COP-4 and I am counting on your active engagement in this iniatitive.

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Secretary

To: Governments Parties through their official channels of communication to the UN Environment Programme

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