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Decision adopted by the second Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury

MC-2/6: Environmentally sound interim storage of mercury other than waste mercury

The Conference of the Parties,

Recognizing the need to assist parties in the environmentally sound interim storage of mercury other than waste mercury through the provision of guidelines,

1. *Adopts* the guidelines on the environmentally sound interim storage of mercury other than waste mercury¹ and calls upon parties to take them into account in complying with their obligation to take measures to ensure that the interim storage of such mercury and mercury compounds intended for a use allowed to a party under the Convention is undertaken in an environmentally sound manner;
2. *Notes* that the guidelines may need to be revised in the future to ensure that they continue to reflect best practice.

¹ The guidelines adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its second meeting were developed on the basis of the revised draft guidelines contained in document UNEP/MC/COP.2/5 and are set out in document UNEP/MC/COP.2/5/Rev.1, which is available on the website of the Minamata Convention on Mercury.