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

MC-3/8: Article 14: Capacity-building, technical assistance and technology transfer

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decision MC-1/21 and MC-2/11 on capacity-building, technical assistance and technology transfer for the Minamata Convention on Mercury, in which it was recognized that some of the existing regional and subregional centres were already developing projects and activities regarding mercury issues,

Welcoming the submissions from the Intergovernmental Network on Chemicals and Waste for Latin America and the Caribbean and the Government of Japan set out in the compilation of information received from existing regional, subregional and national arrangements on their capacity-building and technical assistance to support parties in implementing their obligations under the Minamata Convention,¹

1. *Emphasizes* the relevance of using, as appropriate, regional, subregional and national arrangements, including the existing regional and subregional centres of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal and the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, in the delivery of capacity-building and technical assistance, consistent with article 14 of the Convention;

2. *Takes into account* information collected pursuant to decision MC-2/11, looks forward to any future information received pursuant to paragraph 3 of the present decision, and encourages parties, within their respective capabilities, to take such information into consideration in providing capacity-building and technical assistance activities pursuant to article 14;

3. *Requests* the secretariat of the Minamata Convention to compile any information received from the parties, the existing regional, subregional and national arrangements, including the existing regional and subregional centres of the Basel and Stockholm conventions on their capacity-building and technical assistance to support parties in implementing their obligations under the Minamata Convention, and also requests the secretariat to report thereon to the Conference of the Parties at its fourth meeting.

¹ UNEP/MC/COP.3/INF/14.