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**Preparatory meeting for the
Conference of Plenipotentiaries
on the Minamata Convention on Mercury**
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Item 2 (a) of the provisional agenda*

**Organizational matters: adoption of the rules of
procedure**

**Information provided by the Executive Secretary of the Basel,
Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions on decisions adopted by
the conferences of the parties to the three conventions at their
simultaneous extraordinary meetings, held from 28 April to 10
May 2013, regarding steps that would facilitate possible future
cooperation and coordination with the Minamata Convention
on Mercury**

Note by the secretariat

An information document provided by the Executive Secretary of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions is set out in the annex to the present note. The information document is presented as received and has not been formally edited.

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Annex

Information provided by the Executive Secretary of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions on decisions adopted by the simultaneous extraordinary meetings of the conferences of the parties to the three conventions, held from 28 April to 10 May 2013, regarding steps that would facilitate possible future cooperation and coordination with the Minamata Convention on Mercury

Note by the Executive Secretary

1. At its twenty-seventh session, the Governing Council adopted a decision on Mercury in section III of decision 27/12 on chemicals and waste management.
2. Pursuant to paragraph 14 of section III of that decision, the Governing Council invited parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions to use the opportunity of their extraordinary meetings from 28 April to 10 May 2013 to consider steps that would facilitate possible future cooperation and coordination with the Minamata Convention on Mercury and to forward any outcome of that consideration to the conference of plenipotentiaries.
3. Subsequently, the conferences of the parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, at their simultaneous extraordinary meetings in 2013, considered that request and adopted the omnibus decision on enhancing cooperation and coordination among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions (BC.Ex-2/1, RC.Ex-2/1 and SC.Ex-2/1).
4. Pursuant to paragraph 29 of section V on Wider cooperation of the above omnibus decisions, the conferences of the parties requested the Executive Secretary of the three conventions to inform the Conference of Plenipotentiaries of the Minamata Convention of that decision.
5. In response to this request, the annex to the present note contains the advance English version of section V on Wider cooperation of that decision.

Appendix

Section V on wider cooperation of the omnibus decision on enhancing cooperation and coordination among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions

Adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention as decision BC.Ex-2/1, by the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention as decision RC.Ex-2/1 and by the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention as decision SC.Ex-2/1

The Conference of the Parties,

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Wider cooperation

1. *Welcomes* paragraphs 89 and 213–223 of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, “The future we want”, relating to the sound management of chemicals and waste, including the reaffirmation of the aim to achieve by 2020 the sound management of chemicals throughout their lifecycle and of hazardous waste, and the call for further enhancing coordination and cooperation with other relevant actors at all levels;
 2. *Requests* the Secretariat to further enhance cooperation and coordination with the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management to contribute to meeting the 2020 goal on the sound management of chemicals throughout their lifecycle and of hazardous wastes and to report on this to the Conferences of the Parties in 2015, recognizing the different legal status of the instruments;
 3. *Welcomes the* invitation by the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme, at its twenty-seventh meeting, to the extraordinary and ordinary meetings of the conferences of the parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions to consider steps that would facilitate possible future cooperation and coordination with the Minamata Convention on Mercury and to forward the outcome of that consideration to the Conference of Plenipotentiaries of the Minamata Convention;
 4. *Expresses* its interest and signals its readiness to cooperate and coordinate with the Minamata Convention on Mercury;
 5. *Invites* the Conference of the Plenipotentiaries of the Minamata Convention to consider cooperation and coordination in areas of mutual interest to the four conventions;
 6. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to inform the Conference of Plenipotentiaries of the Minamata Convention about the present decision.
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