INFORMATION ON THE PARTY

1. Information on the party

Name of party
Panama

Date on which its instrument of ratification, accession, approval or acceptance was deposited
29 September 2015

Date of entry into force of the Convention for the party
16 August, 2017

2. Information on the national focal point

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Focal Point is submitting the national report

☐ Information is submitted by the national focal point

☐ Information is submitted through the national focal point by the contact officer

ART. 3: MERCURY SUPPLY SOURCES AND TRADE

3.1. Does the party have any primary mercury mines that were operating within its territory at the date of entry into force of the Convention for the party?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Additional information on this question if needed

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3.2. Does the party have any primary mercury mines that are now in operation that were not in operation at the time of entry into force of the Convention for the party?

☐ Yes

☐ No

3.3. Has the party endeavoured to identify individual stocks of mercury or mercury compounds exceeding 50 metric tons and sources of mercury supply generating stocks exceeding 10 metric tons per year that are located within its territory?

☐ Yes

☐ No

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*If the party answered Yes to Question 3 above:

i. Please attach the results of your endeavor or indicate where it is available on the internet, unless unchanged from a previous reporting round.
Inventories were made and it was determined that there are no quantities greater than 10 tons.

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ii. Supplemental: Please provide any related information, for example on the use or disposal of mercury from such stocks and sources.

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3.4. Does the party have excess mercury available from the decommissioning of chlor-alkali facilities?

- Yes
- No

3.5. *Has the party received consent, or relied on a general notification of consent, in accordance with article 3, including any required certification from importing non-parties, for all exports of mercury from the party’s territory in the reporting period?

- Yes, exports to parties
- Yes, exports to non-parties
- No

Additional information if needed
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3.6. Has the party allowed the import of mercury from a non-party?

- No
- Yes
- The importing party has relied on paragraph 7 of article 3

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ART. 4: MERCURY-ADDED PRODUCTS

4.1. Has the party taken any appropriate measures to not allow the manufacture, import or export of mercury-added products listed in Part I of Annex A of the Convention after the phase-out date specified for those products?

- Yes
- No
- Yes (implementing paragraph 2 of article 4)

If yes, please provide information on the measures.
Executive Decree 1688 of December 29, 2020 has been promulgated.

4.3. Has the party taken two or more measures for the mercury-added products listed in Part II of Annex A in accordance with the provisions set out therein?

- Yes
4.4. Has the party taken measures to prevent the incorporation into assembled products of mercury-added products whose manufacture, import and export are not allowed under article 4?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please provide information on the measures.
Executive Decree 1688 of December 29, 2020 has been enacted, detailing the restrictions and prohibitions.

4.5. Has the party discouraged the manufacture and the distribution in commerce of mercury-added products not covered by any known use in accordance with article 4, paragraph 6?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please provide information on the measures.
Executive Decree 1688 of December 29, 2020 has been enacted, detailing the restrictions and prohibitions.

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ART. 5: MANUFACTURING PROCESSES IN WHICH MERCURY OR MERCURY COMPOUNDS ARE USED

5.1. Are there facilities within the territory of the party that use mercury or mercury compounds for the processes listed in Annex B of the Minamata Convention in accordance with paragraph 5 of article 5 of the Convention?

- Yes
- No
- I do not know

5.2. Are measures in place to not allow the use of mercury or mercury compounds in manufacturing processes listed in Part I of Annex B after the phase-out date specified in that Annex for the individual process?
5.3. Are measures in place to restrict the use of mercury or mercury compounds in the processes listed in Part II of Annex B in accordance with the provisions set out therein?

- CHLOR-ALKALI PRODUCTION
  - Yes
  - No
  - Not applicable (do not have these facilities)

- ACETALDEHYDE PRODUCTION IN WHICH MERCURY OR MERCURY COMPOUNDS ARE USED AS A CATALYST
  - Yes
  - No
  - Not applicable (do not have these facilities)

- Vinyl Chloride Monomer Production
  - Yes
  - No
  - Not applicable (do not have these facilities)

- Sodium or Potassium Methylate or Ethylate
  - Yes
  - No
  - Not applicable (do not have these facilities)

- Production of Polyurethane Using Mercury–Containing Catalysts
  - Yes
  - No
5.4. Is there any use of mercury or mercury compounds in a facility using the manufacturing processes listed in Annex B that did not exist prior to the date of entry into force of the Convention for the party?

- Yes
- No

5.5. Is there any facility that has been developed using any other manufacturing process in which mercury or mercury compounds are intentionally used that did not exist prior to the date of entry into force of the Convention?

- Yes
- No

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ART. 7: ARTISANAL AND SMALL-SCALE GOLD MINING

7.1. Have steps been taken to reduce, and where feasible eliminate, the use of mercury and mercury compounds in, and the emissions and releases to the environment of mercury from, artisanal and small-scale gold mining and processing subject to article 7 within your territory?

- Yes
- No

- There is no artisanal and small-scale gold mining and processing subject to article 7 in which mercury amalgamation is used in the territory

If yes, please provide information on the steps.
Artisanal mining with mercury was prohibited through Executive Decree 1688 of 2020.

7.2. Has the party determined and notified the secretariat that artisanal and small-scale gold mining and processing within its territory is more than insignificant?

- Yes
- No

7.3. Has the party developed and implemented a national action plan and submitted it to the secretariat?
7.4. Attach your most recent review that must be completed under paragraph 3 (c) of article 7, unless it is not yet due

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7.5. Supplemental: Has the party cooperated with other countries or relevant intergovernmental organizations or other entities to achieve the objective of this article?

☐ Yes
☐ No

Please provide information
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Part E – Additional comments on the article in free text if the party chooses to do so

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▼ ART. 8: EMISSIONS

8.1. Identify any Annex D source categories for which there are new sources of emissions of mercury or mercury compounds as defined in paragraph 2 (c) of article 8.

For each of those source categories describe the measures in place, including the effectiveness of such measures, to implement the requirements of paragraph 4 of article 8.

☑ Coal-fired power plants

Coal-fired power plants
Inventory realization

☑ Coal-fired industrial boilers

Coal-fired industrial boilers
Inventory realization

☐ Smelting and roasting processes used in the production of non-ferrous metals

☑ Waste incineration facilities

Waste incineration facilities
Inventory realization

☑ Cement clinker production facilities
Cement clinker production facilities
Inventory realization

Has the party required the use of best available techniques or best environmental practices (BAT/BEP) to control and where feasible reduce emissions for new sources no later than 5 years after the date of entry into force of the Convention for the party?

☐ Yes
☐ No

Attach relevant documentation
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8.2. Identify any Annex D source categories for which there are existing sources of emissions of mercury or mercury compounds as defined in paragraph 2 (e) of article 8.

For each of those source categories, select and provide details on the measures implemented under paragraph 5 of article 8 and explain the progress that these applied measures have achieved in reducing emissions over time in your territory:

▼ COAL-FIRED POWER PLANTS

☐ A quantified goal for controlling and, where feasible, reducing emissions from relevant sources
☐ Emission limit values for controlling and, where feasible, reducing emissions from relevant sources
☐ Use of BAT/BEP to control emissions from relevant sources
☐ Multi-pollutant control strategy that would deliver co-benefits for control of mercury emissions
☐ Alternative measures to reduce emissions from relevant sources

Measures
(Empty)

Progress
(Empty)

▼ COAL-FIRED INDUSTRIAL BOILERS

☐ A quantified goal for controlling and, where feasible, reducing emissions from relevant sources
☐ Emission limit values for controlling and, where feasible, reducing emissions from relevant sources
☐ Use of BAT/BEP to control emissions from relevant sources
☐ Multi-pollutant control strategy that would deliver co-benefits for control of mercury emissions
☐ Alternative measures to reduce emissions from relevant sources
SMELTING AND ROASTING PROCESSES USED IN THE PRODUCTION OF NON-FERROUS METALS

- A quantified goal for controlling and, where feasible, reducing emissions from relevant sources
- Emission limit values for controlling and, where feasible, reducing emissions from relevant sources
- Use of BAT/BEP to control emissions from relevant sources
- Multi-pollutant control strategy that would deliver co-benefits for control of mercury emissions
- Alternative measures to reduce emissions from relevant sources

WASTE INCINERATION FACILITIES

- A quantified goal for controlling and, where feasible, reducing emissions from relevant sources
- Emission limit values for controlling and, where feasible, reducing emissions from relevant sources
- Use of BAT/BEP to control emissions from relevant sources
- Multi-pollutant control strategy that would deliver co-benefits for control of mercury emissions
- Alternative measures to reduce emissions from relevant sources

CEMENT CLINKER PRODUCTION FACILITIES

- A quantified goal for controlling and, where feasible, reducing emissions from relevant sources
Have the measures for existing sources under paragraph 5 of article 8 been implemented no later than 10 years after the date of entry into force of the Convention for the party?

- Yes
- No

Please explain
Standards for best available techniques or best environmental practices for this type of industry are in the process of being prepared.

8.3. Has the party prepared an inventory of emissions from relevant sources within 5 years of entry into force of the Convention for it?

- Yes
- No
- Have not been a party for 5 years

If yes, when was the inventory last updated?
Wed, 04/17/2019 – 00:00

Please indicate where this inventory is available

8.4. Has the party chosen to establish criteria to identify relevant sources covered within a source category?

- Yes
- No

8.5. Has the party chosen to prepare a national plan setting out the measures to be taken to control emissions from relevant sources and its expected targets, goals and outcomes?
ART. 9: RELEASES

9.1. Are there, within the party’s territory, relevant sources of releases as defined in paragraph 2 (b) of article 9?

- Yes
- No
- I do not know

Please indicate the measures taken to address releases from relevant sources and the effectiveness of those measures.
New maximum permissible limits for mercury in wastewater have been enacted.
COPANIT 35–2019
https://www.gacetaoficial.gob.pa/pdfTemp/28806_B/GacetaNo_28806b_20190628.pdf

9.2. Has the party established an inventory of releases from relevant sources within 5 years of entry into force of the convention for it?

- Yes
- Relevant sources do not exist in the territory
- Have not been a party for 5 years
- No

When was the inventory last updated?
2019–04–17

Please indicate where this inventory is available

Part E – Additional comments on the article in free text if the party chooses to do so
ART. 10: ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND INTERIM STORAGE OF MERCURY, OTHER THAN WASTE MERCURY

10.1. Has the party taken measures to ensure that the interim storage of non–waste mercury and mercury compounds intended for a use allowed to a party under the Convention is undertaken in an environmentally sound manner?

- Yes
- No
- I do not know

Please indicate the measures taken to ensure that such interim storage is undertaken in an environmentally sound manner and the effectiveness of those measures.

Executive Decree 1688 of 2020 has been enacted.
https://www.gacetaoficial.gob.pa/pdfTemp/29187_A/GacetaNo_29187a_20201230.pdf

Part E – Additional comments on the article in free text if the party chooses to do so

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ART. 11: MERCURY WASTES

11.1. Have measures outlined in article 11, paragraph 3, been implemented for the party’s mercury waste?

- Yes
- No

Please describe the measures implemented pursuant to paragraph 3, and please also describe the effectiveness of those measures.

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11.2. Are there facilities for final disposal of waste consisting of mercury or mercury compounds in the party’s territory?

- Yes
- No
- I do not know

Part E – Additional comments on the article in free text if the party chooses to do so

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ART. 12: CONTAMINATED SITES

12.1. Has the party endeavoured to develop strategies for identifying and assessing sites contaminated by mercury or mercury compounds in its territory?

☐ Yes
☐ No

Please elaborate
Regulations are being worked on.

Part E – Additional comments on the article in free text if the party chooses to do so

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ART. 13: FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND MECHANISM

13.1. Has the party undertaken to provide, within its capabilities, resources in respect of those national activities that are intended to implement the Convention in accordance with its national policies, priorities, plans and programmes?

☐ Yes
☐ No

Please specify
A project with GEF funds is being managed to improve environmentally sound management in health facilities.

Please provide comments, if any.
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13.2. Supplemental: Has the party, within its capabilities, contributed to the mechanism referred to in paragraph 5 of article 13?

☐ Yes
☐ No

Please specify
A project with GEF funds is being managed to improve environmentally sound management in health facilities.

Please provide comments, if any.
13.3. Supplemental: Has the party provided financial resources to assist developing-country parties and/or parties with economies in transition in the implementation of the Convention through other bilateral, regional and multilateral sources or channels?

- Yes
- No

Please specify
We are a country in transition economy.

Please provide comments, if any.

Part E – Additional comments on the article in free text if the party chooses to do so

ART. 14: CAPACITY-BUILDING, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

14.1. Has the party cooperated to provide capacity-building or technical assistance, pursuant to article 14, to another party to the Convention?

- Yes
- No

Please specify
Trainings have been carried out only at the national level.

14.2. Supplemental: Has the party received capacity-building or technical assistance pursuant to article 14?

- Yes
- No

Please specify
Technical assistance has been received from regional centers in Basel and Stockholm, from NGOs (Health Without Harm) and from United Nations Agencies (UNDP).

Please provide comments, if any.

14.3. Has the party promoted and facilitated the development, transfer and diffusion of and access to, up-to-date environmentally sound alternative technologies?

- Yes
Part E – Additional comments on the article in free text if the party chooses to do so

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ART. 18: PUBLIC INFORMATION, AWARENESS AND EDUCATION

18.1. Have measures been taken to promote and facilitate the provision to the public of the kinds of information listed in article 18, paragraph 1?

- Yes
- No

Part E – Additional comments on the article in free text if the party chooses to do so

They are in the process of being carried out through the COP-MERCURIO project financed by the GEF.

ART. 19: RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND MONITORING

19.1. Has the party undertaken any research, development and monitoring in accordance with paragraph 1 of article 19?

- Yes
- No

Part E – Additional comments on the article in free text if the party chooses to do so

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COMMENTS

Part C: Comments regarding possible challenges in meeting the objectives of the Convention (Art. 21, para. 1)

There have been delays in the implementation of the Convention due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which has reduced economic resources and made coordination with the actors difficult.

SUPPLEMENTAL – ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Supplemental: Part D: Comments regarding the reporting format and possible improvements, if any

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