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Subject: Invitation to the online Africa regional preparatory meeting for the online segment of the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury, 4 October 2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are pleased to invite your Government to the Africa regional preparatory meeting for the online segment of the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury (COP-4), scheduled to be held online on 4 October, from 11.00 to 15.30 Geneva time (UTC+2). The working languages of the meeting will be English and French. Documents for the regional preparatory meeting, including a detailed agenda, as well connection details to the meeting will be made available in due course.

The provisional agenda for the regional preparatory meeting is being developed in cooperation with the COP-4 Bureau members for the region and will mostly focus on organizational matters and agenda items related to the online segment of COP-4, which will be held online from 1 to 5 November 2021. The objective of the meeting is to give Parties in the regions the possibility to hear briefings, exchange views and consult each other on the items of the provisional agenda to be considered during the online segment of COP-4.

We would be glad if your Government could take part in this important meeting and we look forward to receiving an official nomination letter from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or a *note verbale* from the Permanent Mission of the Party to the United Nations Office at Geneva at MEA-MinamataMeetings@un.org no later than 24 September 2021. The online regional preparatory meeting will take place on the Interprefy platform.

For further information regarding COP-4 and the regional consultations, please visit the Convention's website and/or contact the Secretariat at: mea-minamatameetings@un.org.

Best wishes,



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Governments through their official channels of communication with the United Nations
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