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Information on national sources of mercury releases as called for in decision MC 1/17

We refer to decision MC 1/17 and submit information on relevant national point sources of mercury releases.

We have listed the current national sources of mercury releases to water below. Each of the sources have reduced mercury releases significantly due to new treatment technologies, with current release of ≤ 2 kg/year per factory.

- Production of titanium dioxide
- Pulp & paper industry
- Oil refining and processing of natural gas
- Production of aluminium flouride
- Production of titanium dioxide slag & pig iron
- Production of non-ferrous: zinc & cadmium
- Production of non-ferrous: ferromanganese/silicomanganese
- Waste incineration
- Mercury releases from municipal sewage
- Mercury releases from landfills

Other relevant sources of mercury release to water:

In addition to the information collected on national sources of mercury release to water, the forthcoming Global Mercury Assesment 2018 will be a good source of information on the main sources of releases to water.

We will point out the following sources of mercury releases from draft GMA 2018 that we believe are relevant for developing guidance on mercury releases:

- Production of non ferrous metals
- Production of mercury metal
- Production of gold from large scale mining
- Mercury releases from oil refining
- Mercury releases with municipal wastewater
- Mercury releases from coal fired power plants
- Mercury releases from coal washing

Best regards
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