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**UNEP Global Mercury Partnership
Advisory Group
Twelfth meeting**
Virtual meeting, 11 and 14 March 2022

Annotated provisional agenda

Item 1

Opening of the meeting

1. The twelfth meeting of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership Advisory Group (PAG) will take place on Friday 11 March 2022, from 12:30 to 15:00 CET and on Monday 14 March 2022, from 12:00 to 15:00 CET, in a virtual setting.
2. The meeting will be opened by Monika G. MacDevette, Chief of the Chemicals and Health Branch, Economy Division of UNEP, to be followed by introductory statements by Monika Stankiewicz, Executive Secretary of the Minamata Convention on Mercury as well as by the PAG co-chairs, Rodges Ankrah, Environmental Protection Agency of the United States, and Teeraporn Wiriwutikorn, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of Thailand.

Item 2

Organizational matters

(a) Adoption of the agenda

3. The PAG may wish to adopt the agenda for the meeting on the basis of the provisional agenda set out in document UNEP/ Hg/PAG.12/1. It may also suggest other items for discussion.

(b) Organization of work

4. The PAG is expected to meet on Friday 11 March 2022, from 12:30 to 15:00 CET and Monday 14 March 2022, from 12:00 to 15:00 CET, subject to any necessary adjustments. Seizing the opportunity of online settings, the meeting will be opened to all partners and relevant stakeholders in an observer capacity.

Item 3

Key findings from the study reports initiated in follow up to the tenth meeting of the Partnership Advisory Group, followed by discussions on the way forward and possible next steps: (a) Mercury from non-ferrous metals mining and smelting; (b) Mercury from oil and gas

5. The Partnership Advisory Group decided at its tenth meeting (Geneva, 23 November 2019) to initiate work on mercury from non-ferrous metals mining and smelting and from oil and gas, which it had identified as cross-cutting topics amongst several Partnership areas.¹
6. In follow up to expert consultations in April 2020, which gathered interested partners and stakeholders, Partnership Area leads agreed to guide a process for developing study reports on the two topics. Amongst others, the aim of the study report on mercury from non-ferrous metals mining and smelting was to provide a better understanding of the mercury mass balance globally between supply, storage, and waste treatment related to non-ferrous metals mining and smelting operations. With respect to mercury from oil and gas, the aim of the study report was, amongst others, to better understand potential releases of mercury from the sector, as well as possibly how wastes are treated and accounted for and may be entering the market for other uses.
7. Draft annotated outlines of the study reports were presented for consideration by the Partnership Advisory Group at its eleventh meeting (online meeting, 15 and 16 December 2020)². Together with the information collected, the finalized annotated outlines were used as a basis to develop draft study reports, which were subsequently made available for written comments and input. Expert consultations were also held in April and May 2021³.
8. Lead authors of the study reports will present to the PAG key findings from the reports and share an overview of some of the identified priority areas for future work. The PAG will subsequently be invited to exchange on the way forward, including on where the Partnership may provide further useful contributions within the context of its mission.

Item 4

Updates from each Global Mercury Partnership Area, including on key future work and priorities, and from the Secretariat on key activities in follow up to the eleventh meeting of the Partnership Advisory Group

9. One of the functions and responsibilities of the PAG is to report on activities within the Global Mercury Partnership. The Secretariat has compiled this information in the progress report made available in document UNEP/ Hg/PAG.12/3, reflecting input received from Partnership Areas on their activities during the period from December 2020 to February 2022.
10. Partnership Area leads will be invited to provide a brief update on their respective Partnership Area to share key highlights, as well as planned future work and priorities. The Secretariat will also provide an overview of activities undertaken in follow-up to the eleventh meeting of the PAG, which had taken place on 15 and 16 December 2020.

Item 5

Update from the Secretariat of the Minamata Convention, including on national reporting by Parties, on the second segment of the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP-4.2, Bali, Indonesia, 21-25 March 2022) and on projects under the Specific International Programme

11. The Secretariat of the Minamata Convention will be invited to provide an update in relation to national reporting by Parties pursuant to article 21, to preparations for the second segment of the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, scheduled to be held in Bali, Indonesia, from 21 to 25 March 2022, as well as to projects under the Specific International Programme.

¹ The report of the tenth meeting of the Partnership Advisory Group (document UNEP/ Hg/PAG.10/5) is available at: <https://www.unep.org/globalmercurypartnership/events/unep-event/partnership-advisory-group-meeting-10>

² The report of the eleventh meeting of the Partnership Advisory Group (document UNEP/ Hg/PAG.11/7) is available at: <https://www.unep.org/globalmercurypartnership/events/unep-event/partnership-advisory-group-meeting-11>

³ Further information on this work may be found at: <https://www.unep.org/globalmercurypartnership/expert-consultations-mercury-non-ferrous-metals> and at <https://www.unep.org/globalmercurypartnership/expert-consultations-mercury-oil-and-gas>

Item 6

Updates by the Secretariat of the GEF and Intergovernmental Organizations on their respective mercury-related activities

12. The Secretariat of the GEF as well as intergovernmental organizations present at the meeting will be invited to provide a brief update on their respective activities in relation to mercury and the Minamata Convention.

Item 7

Discussions on priority areas for future work in the context of the Global Mercury Partnership

13. The PAG will be invited to discuss potential useful contributions from the Partnership on priority areas for future work, within the context of its objectives to support the implementation of the Minamata Convention, to provide knowledge and science and to raise awareness on mercury. Part of these discussions is expected to be held in break-out groups.

14. In their discussions, participants will be invited to consider in greater details the issues of mercury trade and flows and of mercury impacts on biodiversity. These two topics had been flagged through previous meetings of the PAG as well as by Partnership Areas as issues where future work in the context of the Partnership could be beneficial and of potential relevance to several Partnership Areas, including in a cross-cutting manner.

Item 8

Update on the 15th International Conference on Mercury as a Global Pollutant (Virtual, 24 to 29 July 2022)

15. The PAG will be provided with an overview of ongoing preparations for the 15th International Conference on Mercury as a Global Pollutant (ICMGP), which will be held in a virtual setting from 24 to 29 July 2022.

Item 9

Other matters

16. The PAG may wish to consider other issues raised during the meeting.

Item 10

Closure of the meeting

17. It is expected that the PAG will conclude its work by 15:00 CET on Monday, 14 March 2022.