



Update on the fifth meeting of the Partnership Advisory Group and the Diplomatic Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Minamata Convention on Mercury

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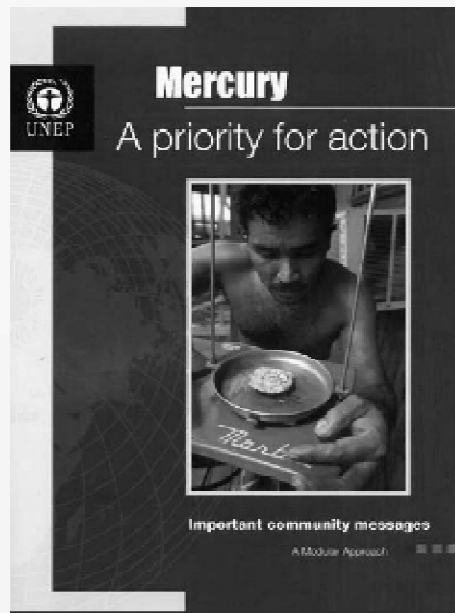


Mandate: to deliver immediate action

Objective: to protect human health and the global environment from the release of mercury

Means: minimizing and, where feasible, ultimately eliminating anthropogenic releases

- Development of guidance materials
- Information gathering + exchange
- Advocacy, awareness raising
- National + regional planning
- Demonstration projects

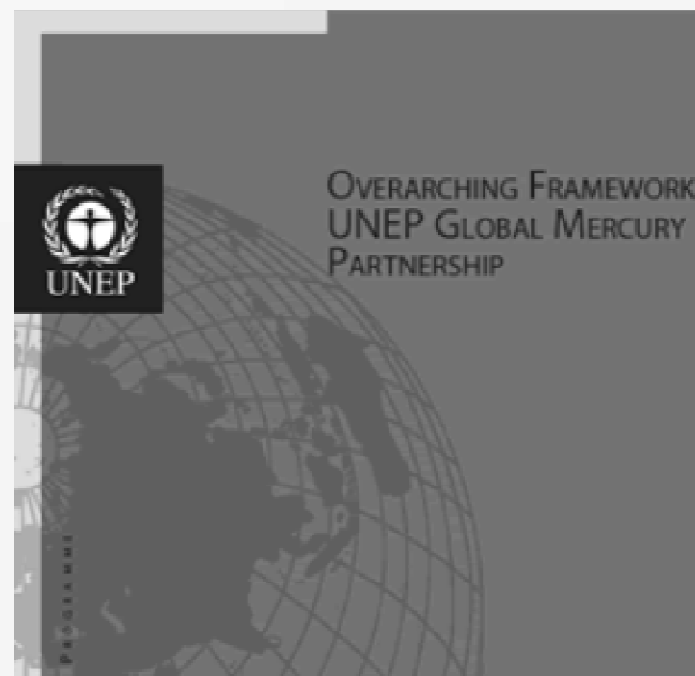


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8 Partnership areas and business plans

- ASGM
- Coal combustion
- Chlor-alkali
- Products
- Transport and fate
- Waste management
- Supply and storage
- Cement



119 partners— Governments, IGOs, NGOs and others ₃

Fifth Meeting of the Partnership Advisory Group (PAG5)



27th July 2013 in Edinburgh, Scotland

- UNEP PAG consists of up to 25 members
- Back to back with the International Conference on Mercury as a Global Pollutant (ICMGP) held on 28th July- 2nd August in Edinburgh



PAG: Proposed relationship



- Between UNEP Global Mercury Partnership and the Minamata Convention on Mercury
- Article 14 of the Minamata Convention: Capacity-building, technical assistance and technology transfer
- Several remarks from representatives and partnership leads
 - Request to UNEP secretariat to prepare a matrix linking relevant articles in the Minamata Convention to the activities of the Partnership areas

Minamata Convention on Mercury



- Diplomatic Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Minamata Convention on Mercury and its Preparatory Meeting on 7-11 October 2013 in Kumamoto, Japan



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- Over 1,000 participants from over 140 countries, IGOs and NGOs



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Minamata Convention: 94 Signatories



Source <http://www.mercuryconvention.org/Countries/tabid/3428/Default.aspx>

and 1 ratification by the United States of America

Adoption of resolutions



- Resolution on arrangements in the interim period;
 - Calls on states and regional economic integration organizations to take necessary domestic measure in pursuit of ratification and entry into force of the Convention
 - Development and adoption (on a provisional basis) items necessary for the effective implementation of the Convention by INC.
 - Requests actions to be taken through the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership and urges all partners to continue efforts
- Resolution on financial arrangements;
 - Financial mechanism, including GEF Trust Fund, to support developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition
 - Interim measures for the INC such as the drafting and provisional adoption of guidelines/ understandings

Resolutions cont'd



- Resolution on matters pertaining to other international bodies;
 - Welcomes the work undertaken by the relevant bodies of the Basel Convention on issues related to the management of mercury wastes
 - Invites relevant bodies of the Basel Convention, the BRS Secretariat, the WHO, the ILO and the World Customs Organization to work closely, as appropriate.
- Resolution on tribute to the Government of Japan.

Thank you for your attention



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