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**Subject:** Development of a report on trade, supply and demand of mercury

Dear Madam/Sir,

At its fourth meeting, in [decision MC-4/11](#), the Conference of the Parties agreed to begin the first effectiveness evaluation of the Convention pursuant to Article 22 of the Convention and adopted a framework as outlined in annex I to the decision. As noted in the framework, the effectiveness evaluation will be informed by several sources of information. Among those, the Secretariat was tasked with the development of a report on trade, supply and demand of mercury, including waste flows and stocks.

I am pleased to inform you that the draft of the report on trade, supply and demand of mercury to support the first effectiveness evaluation of the Minamata Convention is now available for review and invite you and your technical experts to participate in the review process.

To submit feedback and comments kindly use the template for comments that was prepared for this purpose and email it to [mea-minamatasecretariat@un.org](mailto:mea-minamatasecretariat@un.org) as soon as possible and no later than **14 July 2023**.

The draft report and template for comments are available online at <https://owncloud.unog.ch/s/00asdfHS8ZFPvuU>.

Please note that the draft report will be submitted as an information document to the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention (COP-5). For this reason, I kindly ask that the deadline above be observed in order for the draft report to be revised, taking into account the comments received, and processed prior to submission to COP-5.

I thank you for the continued support to the implementation of the Minamata Convention.

Yours sincerely,



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To: National Focal Points to the Minamata Convention on Mercury  
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