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Minamata Convention on Mercury

Second meeting

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Report on the credentials of representatives to the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties

Status of ratification of the Minamata Convention on Mercury as at 18 September 2018

Note by the secretariat

1. To facilitate consideration of the credentials of party representatives attending the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury, the Secretariat has prepared a table listing the States and regional economic integration organizations that have, as at 18 September 2018, deposited their instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval of or accession to the Convention with the Depositary, the Secretary-General of the United Nations. This table is set out in the annex to the present note.
2. As at 18 September 2018, 97 States and 1 regional economic integration organization had deposited their instruments with the Depositary. Chile deposited its instrument of ratification on 27 August 2018, Portugal its instrument of accession on 28 August 2018, and Sao Tome and Principe its instrument of accession on 30 August 2018. They will therefore become Parties to the Convention respectively on 25, 26 and 28 November 2018.
3. The authoritative information on the status of ratification, acceptance, approval of or accession to the Convention, as contained in the annex to the present note, is based on information provided by the Depositary on the website of the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations at <https://treaties.un.org>/.

Annex

Status of ratification of the Minamata Convention on Mercury as at 18 September 2018

|  | *State / Regional economic integration organization* | *Action* | *Date of notification / Deposit* | *Date of effect* |
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| 1 | Afghanistan | Accession | 02/05/2017 | 16/08/2017 |
| 2 | Antigua and Barbuda | Accession | 23/09/2016 | 16/08/2017 |
| 3 | Argentina | Ratification | 25/09/2017 | 24/12/2017 |
| 4 | Armenia | Ratification | 13/12/2017 | 13/03/2018 |
| 5 | Austria | Ratification | 12/06/2017 | 10/09/2017 |
| 6 | Belgium | Ratification | 26/02/2018 | 27/05/2018 |
| 7 | Benin | Ratification | 07/11/2016 | 16/08/2017 |
| 8 | Bolivia (Plurinational State of) | Ratification | 26/01/2016 | 16/08/2017 |
| 9 | Botswana | Accession | 03/06/2016 | 16/08/2017 |
| 10 | Brazil | Ratification | 08/08/2017 | 06/11/2017 |
| 11 | Bulgaria | Ratification | 18/05/2017 | 16/08/2017 |
| 12 | Burkina Faso | Ratification | 10/04/2017 | 16/08/2017 |
| 13 | Canada | Ratification | 07/04/2017 | 16/08/2017 |
| 14 | Chad | Ratification | 24/09/2015 | 16/08/2017 |
| 15 | Chile | Ratification | 27/08/2018 | 25/11/2018 |
| 16 | China | Ratification | 31/08/2016 | 16/08/2017 |
| 17 | Costa Rica | Ratification | 19/01/2017 | 16/08/2017 |
| 18 | Croatia | Ratification | 25/09/2017 | 24/12/2017 |
| 19 | Cuba | Accession | 30/01/2018 | 30/04/2018 |
| 20 | Czechia | Ratification | 19/06/2017 | 17/09/2017 |
| 21 | Denmark | Approval | 18/05/2017 | 16/08/2017 |
| 22 | Djibouti | Ratification | 23/09/2014 | 16/08/2017 |
| 23 | Dominican Republic | Ratification | 20/03/2018 | 18/06/2018 |
| 24 | Ecuador | Ratification | 29/07/2016 | 16/08/2017 |
| 25 | El Salvador | Accession | 20/06/2017 | 18/09/2017 |
| 26 | Estonia | Accession | 21/06/2017 | 19/09/2017 |
| 27 | Eswatini | Accession | 21/09/2016 | 16/08/2017 |
| 28 | European Union | Approval | 18/05/2017 | 16/08/2017 |
| 29 | Finland | Acceptance | 01/06/2017 | 30/08/2017 |
| 30 | France | Ratification | 15/06/2017 | 13/09/2017 |
| 31 | Gabon | Acceptance | 24/09/2014 | 16/08/2017 |
| 32 | Gambia | Ratification | 07/11/2016 | 16/08/2017 |
| 33 | Germany | Ratification | 15/09/2017 | 14/12/2017 |
| 34 | Ghana | Ratification | 23/03/2017 | 16/08/2017 |
| 35 | Guinea | Ratification | 21/10/2014 | 16/08/2017 |
| 36 | Guyana | Ratification | 24/09/2014 | 16/08/2017 |
| 37 | Honduras | Ratification | 22/03/2017 | 16/08/2017 |
| 38 | Hungary | Ratification | 18/05/2017 | 16/08/2017 |
| 39 | Iceland | Accession | 03/05/2018 | 01/08/2018 |
| 40 | India | Ratification | 18/06/2018 | 16/09/2018 |
| 41 | Indonesia | Ratification | 22/09/2017 | 21/12/2017 |
| 42 | Iran (Islamic Republic of) | Ratification | 16/06/2017 | 14/09/2017 |
| 43 | Jamaica | Ratification | 19/07/2017 | 17/10/2017 |
| 44 | Japan | Acceptance | 02/02/2016 | 16/08/2017 |
| 45 | Jordan | Ratification | 12/11/2015 | 16/08/2017 |
| 46 | Kiribati | Accession | 28/07/2017 | 26/10/2017 |
| 47 | Kuwait | Ratification | 03/12/2015 | 16/08/2017 |
| 48 | Lao People's Democratic Republic | Accession | 21/09/2017 | 20/12/2017 |
| 49 | Latvia | Ratification | 20/06/2017 | 18/09/2017 |
| 50 | Lebanon | Accession | 13/10/2017 | 11/01/2018 |
| 51 | Lesotho | Accession | 12/11/2014 | 16/08/2017 |
| 52 | Liechtenstein | Accession | 01/02/2017 | 16/08/2017 |
| 53 | Lithuania | Ratification | 15/01/2018 | 15/04/2018 |
| 54 | Luxembourg | Ratification | 21/09/2017 | 20/12/2017 |
| 55 | Madagascar | Ratification | 13/05/2015 | 16/08/2017 |
| 56 | Mali | Ratification | 27/05/2016 | 16/08/2017 |
| 57 | Malta | Ratification | 18/05/2017 | 16/08/2017 |
| 58 | Mauritania | Ratification | 18/08/2015 | 16/08/2017 |
| 59 | Mauritius | Ratification | 21/09/2017 | 20/12/2017 |
| 60 | Mexico | Ratification | 29/09/2015 | 16/08/2017 |
| 61 | Monaco | Ratification | 24/09/2014 | 16/08/2017 |
| 62 | Mongolia | Ratification | 28/09/2015 | 16/08/2017 |
| 63 | Namibia | Accession | 06/09/2017 | 05/12/2017 |
| 64 | Netherlands | Acceptance | 18/05/2017 | 16/08/2017 |
| 65 | Nicaragua | Ratification | 29/10/2014 | 16/08/2017 |
| 66 | Niger | Ratification | 09/06/2017 | 07/09/2017 |
| 67 | Nigeria | Ratification | 01/02/2018 | 02/05/2018 |
| 68 | Norway | Ratification | 12/05/2017 | 16/08/2017 |
| 69 | Palau | Ratification | 21/06/2017 | 19/09/2017 |
| 70 | Panama | Ratification | 29/09/2015 | 16/08/2017 |
| 71 | Paraguay | Ratification | 26/06/2018 | 24/09/2018 |
| 72 | Peru | Ratification | 21/01/2016 | 16/08/2017 |
| 73 | Portugal | Accession | 28/08/2018 | 26/11/2018 |
| 74 | Republic of Moldova | Ratification | 20/06/2017 | 18/09/2017 |
| 75 | Romania | Ratification | 18/05/2017 | 16/08/2017 |
| 76 | Rwanda | Accession | 29/06/2017 | 27/09/2017 |
| 77 | Samoa | Ratification | 24/09/2015 | 16/08/2017 |
| 78 | Sao Tome and Principe | Accession | 30/08/2018 | 28/11/2018 |
| 79 | Senegal | Ratification | 03/03/2016 | 16/08/2017 |
| 80 | Seychelles | Ratification | 13/01/2015 | 16/08/2017 |
| 81 | Sierra Leone | Ratification | 01/11/2016 | 16/08/2017 |
| 82 | Singapore | Ratification | 22/09/2017 | 21/12/2017 |
| 83 | Slovakia | Ratification | 31/05/2017 | 29/08/2017 |
| 84 | Slovenia | Ratification | 23/06/2017 | 21/09/2017 |
| 85 | Sri Lanka | Ratification | 19/06/2017 | 17/09/2017 |
| 86 | Saint Kitts and Nevis | Accession | 24/05/2017 | 22/08/2017 |
| 87 | Suriname | Accession | 02/08/2018 | 31/10/2018 |
| 88 | Sweden | Ratification | 18/05/2017 | 16/08/2017 |
| 89 | Switzerland | Ratification | 25/05/2016 | 16/08/2017 |
| 90 | Syrian Arab Republic | Ratification | 26/07/2017 | 24/10/2017 |
| 91 | Thailand | Accession | 22/06/2017 | 20/09/2017 |
| 92 | Togo | Ratification | 03/02/2017 | 16/08/2017 |
| 93 | United Arab Emirates | Ratification | 27/04/2015 | 16/08/2017 |
| 94 | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | Ratification | 23/03/2018 | 21/06/2018 |
| 95 | United States of America | Acceptance | 06/11/2013 | 16/08/2017 |
| 96 | Uruguay | Ratification | 24/09/2014 | 16/08/2017 |
| 97 | Viet Nam | Approval | 23/06/2017 | 21/09/2017 |
| 98 | Zambia | Ratification | 11/03/2016 | 16/08/2017 |

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