

## REPORTING PERIOD:

16 August 2017 to 31 December 2020

### ▼ INFORMATION ON THE PARTY

## 1. Information on the party

### Name of party

Albania

### Date on which its instrument of ratification, accession, approval or acceptance was deposited

26 May 2020

### Date of entry into force of the Convention for the party

24 August 2020

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#### ▼ ART. 3: MERCURY SUPPLY SOURCES AND TRADE

**3.1. Does the party have any primary mercury mines that were operating within its territory at the date of entry into force of the Convention for the party?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Additional information on this question if needed

In Albania has operated one mercury mine before the year 1992.

**3.2. Does the party have any primary mercury mines that are now in operation that were not in operation at the time of entry into force of the Convention for the party?**

☐ Yes

☒ No

**3.3. Has the party endeavoured to identify individual stocks of mercury or mercury compounds exceeding 50 metric tons and sources of mercury supply generating stocks exceeding 10 metric tons per year that are located within its territory?**

☒ Yes

☐ No

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\*If the party answered Yes to Question 3 above:

**i. Please attach the results of your endeavor or indicate where it is available on the internet, unless unchanged from a previous reporting round.**

PVC factory in Vlora city which produced caustic soda, calcified soda and PVC, during the period 1967–1992. all the generated wasted deposit in Vlora bay.

**i. Please attach the results of your endeavor or indicate where it is available on the internet, unless unchanged from a previous reporting round.**

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**ii. Supplemental: Please provide any related information, for example on the use or disposal of mercury from such stocks and sources.**

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**3.4. Does the party have excess mercury available from the decommissioning of chlor-alkali facilities?**

☐ Yes

☒ No

**3.5. \*Has the party received consent, or relied on a general notification of consent, in accordance with article 3, including any required certification from importing non-parties, for all exports of mercury from the party's territory in the reporting period?**

☐ Yes, exports to parties

☐ Yes, exports to non-parties

☒ No

**Additional information if needed**

In Albania according to the legislation into force for mercury is banned the export of the mercury.

**3.6. Has the party allowed the import of mercury from a non-party?**

- ☒ No
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ The importing party has relied on paragraph 7 of article 3

**Part E – Additional comments on the article in free text if the party chooses to do so**

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**▼ ART. 4: MERCURY-ADDED PRODUCTS**

**4.1. Has the party taken any appropriate measures to not allow the manufacture, import or export of mercury-added products listed in Part I of Annex A of the Convention after the phase-out date specified for those products?**

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes (implementing paragraph 2 of article 4)

**If yes, please provide information on the measures.**

As the Ministry of Tourism and Environment is an institution that drafting the policy to protect the environment and public health, it is transposed partially the regulation 2017/852 that put measures and criteria on banning the export of mercury.

**4.3. Has the party taken two or more measures for the mercury-added products listed in Part II of Annex A in accordance with the provisions set out therein?**

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

**If yes, please provide information on the measures.**

It is approved a DCM 442/2019 "On approving the rules prohibiting the export of metallic mercury, certain mercury compounds and mixtures, the safe storage of metallic mercury and the specific criteria for the storage of metallic mercury considered as waste", in which are explained also the measures for the mercury added products.

**4.4. Has the party taken measures to prevent the incorporation into assembled products of mercury-added products whose manufacture, import and export are not allowed under article 4?**

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

**If yes, please provide information on the measures.**

The measures to prevent the incorporation into assembled products of mercury-added products are explained in the DCM 442/2019.



**4.5. Has the party discouraged the manufacture and the distribution in commerce of mercury-added products not covered by any known use in accordance with article 4, paragraph 6?**

☐ Yes

☒ No

If no, has there been an assessment of the risks and benefits of the product that demonstrates environmental or health benefits? Has the party provided to the secretariat, as appropriate, information on any such product?

☐ Yes

☒ No

**Part E – Additional comments on the article in free text if the party chooses to do so**

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**▼ ART. 5: MANUFACTURING PROCESSES IN WHICH MERCURY OR MERCURY COMPOUNDS ARE USED**

**5.1. Are there facilities within the territory of the party that use mercury or mercury compounds for the processes listed in Annex B of the Minamata Convention in accordance with paragraph 5 of article 5 of the Convention?**

☐ Yes

☐ No

☒ I do not know

**Please explain**

I have no information about this.

**5.2. Are measures in place to not allow the use of mercury or mercury compounds in manufacturing processes listed in Part I of Annex B after the phase-out date specified in that Annex for the individual process?**

**CHLOR-ALKALI PRODUCTION**

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ Not applicable (do not have these facilities)

**If yes, please provide information on these measures.**

The production of chlor-alkali where mercury used as an electrode, ban by December 11, 2020. this deadline is set to the DCM 442/2019.

## ACETALDEHYDE PRODUCTION IN WHICH MERCURY OR MERCURY COMPOUNDS ARE USED AS A CATALYST

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not applicable (do not have these facilities)

**If yes, please provide information on these measures.**

The production of acetaldehyde production in which mercury and mercury compounds are used as a catalyst, ban by January 1, 2023. this deadline is set to the DCM 442/2019.

## 5.3. Are measures in place to restrict the use of mercury or mercury compounds in the processes listed in Part II of Annex B in accordance with the provisions set out therein?

### VINYL CHLORIDE MONOMER PRODUCTION

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not applicable (do not have these facilities)

**If yes, please provide information on these measures.**

The production of vinyl chloride monomer production, ban by January 1, 2027. this deadline is set to the DCM 442/2019.

### SODIUM OR POTASSIUM METHYLATE OR ETHYLATE

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not applicable (do not have these facilities)

**If yes, please provide information on these measures.**

The production of sodium or potassium methylate or ethylate, ban by January 1, 2028. this deadline is set to the DCM 442/2019.

### PRODUCTION OF POLYURETHANE USING MERCURY-CONTAINING CATALYSTS

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not applicable (do not have these facilities)

**If yes, please provide information on these measures.**

The production of production of polyurethane using mercury-containing catalysts, ban by January 1, 2023. this deadline is set to the DCM 442/2019.

**5.4. Is there any use of mercury or mercury compounds in a facility using the manufacturing processes listed in Annex B that did not exist prior to the date of entry into force of the Convention for the party?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

**5.5. Is there any facility that has been developed using any other manufacturing process in which mercury or mercury compounds are intentionally used that did not exist prior to the date of entry into force of the Convention?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

**Part E – Additional comments on the article in free text if the party chooses to do so**

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**▼ ART. 7: ARTISANAL AND SMALL-SCALE GOLD MINING**

**7.1. Have steps been taken to reduce, and where feasible eliminate, the use of mercury and mercury compounds in, and the emissions and releases to the environment of mercury from, artisanal and small-scale gold mining and processing subject to article 7 within your territory?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☒ There is no artisanal and small-scale gold mining and processing subject to article 7 in which mercury amalgamation is used in the territory

**7.2. Has the party determined and notified the secretariat that artisanal and small-scale gold mining and processing within its territory is more than insignificant?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

**Part E – Additional comments on the article in free text if the party chooses to do so**

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## ▼ ART. 8: EMISSIONS

### 8.1. Identify any Annex D source categories for which there are new sources of emissions of mercury or mercury compounds as defined in paragraph 2 (c) of article 8.

For each of those source categories describe the measures in place, including the effectiveness of such measures, to implement the requirements of paragraph 4 of article 8.

- ☐ Coal-fired power plants
- ☐ Coal-fired industrial boilers
- ☐ Smelting and roasting processes used in the production of non-ferrous metals
- ☐ Waste incineration facilities
- ☐ Cement clinker production facilities

Has the party required the use of best available techniques or best environmental practices (BAT/BEP) to control and where feasible reduce emissions for new sources no later than 5 years after the date of entry into force of the Convention for the party?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Attach relevant documentation

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### 8.2. Identify any Annex D source categories for which there are existing sources of emissions of mercury or mercury compounds as defined in paragraph 2 (e) of article 8.

For each of those source categories, select and provide details on the measures implemented under paragraph 5 of article 8 and explain the progress that these applied measures have achieved in reducing emissions over time in your territory:

#### ▼ COAL-FIRED POWER PLANTS

- ☐ A quantified goal for controlling and, where feasible, reducing emissions from relevant sources
- ☐ Emission limit values for controlling and, where feasible, reducing emissions from relevant sources
- ☐ Use of BAT/BEP to control emissions from relevant sources
- ☐ Multi-pollutant control strategy that would deliver co-benefits for control of mercury emissions
- ☐ Alternative measures to reduce emissions from relevant sources

Measures

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Progress

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#### ▼ COAL-FIRED INDUSTRIAL BOILERS

- ☐ A quantified goal for controlling and, where feasible, reducing emissions from relevant sources
- ☐ Emission limit values for controlling and, where feasible, reducing emissions from relevant sources
- ☐ Use of BAT/BEP to control emissions from relevant sources
- ☐ Multi-pollutant control strategy that would deliver co-benefits for control of mercury emissions
- ☐ Alternative measures to reduce emissions from relevant sources

##### Measures

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#### ▼ SMELTING AND ROASTING PROCESSES USED IN THE PRODUCTION OF NON-FERROUS METALS

- ☐ A quantified goal for controlling and, where feasible, reducing emissions from relevant sources
- ☐ Emission limit values for controlling and, where feasible, reducing emissions from relevant sources
- ☐ Use of BAT/BEP to control emissions from relevant sources
- ☐ Multi-pollutant control strategy that would deliver co-benefits for control of mercury emissions
- ☐ Alternative measures to reduce emissions from relevant sources

##### Measures

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#### ▼ WASTE INCINERATION FACILITIES

- ☐ A quantified goal for controlling and, where feasible, reducing emissions from relevant sources
- ☐ Emission limit values for controlling and, where feasible, reducing emissions from relevant sources
- ☐ Use of BAT/BEP to control emissions from relevant sources
- ☐ Multi-pollutant control strategy that would deliver co-benefits for control of mercury emissions
- ☐ Alternative measures to reduce emissions from relevant sources

**Measures**

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**Progress**

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**▼ CEMENT CLINKER PRODUCTION FACILITIES**

- ☐ A quantified goal for controlling and, where feasible, reducing emissions from relevant sources
- ☐ Emission limit values for controlling and, where feasible, reducing emissions from relevant sources
- ☐ Use of BAT/BEP to control emissions from relevant sources
- ☐ Multi-pollutant control strategy that would deliver co-benefits for control of mercury emissions
- ☐ Alternative measures to reduce emissions from relevant sources

**Measures**

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**Progress**

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Have the measures for existing sources under paragraph 5 of article 8 been implemented no later than 10 years after the date of entry into force of the Convention for the party?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

**8.3. Has the party prepared an inventory of emissions from relevant sources within 5 years of entry into force of the Convention for it?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☒ Have not been a party for 5 years

**8.4. Has the party chosen to establish criteria to identify relevant sources covered within a source category?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

**8.5. Has the party chosen to prepare a national plan setting out the measures to be taken to control emissions from relevant sources and its expected targets, goals and outcomes?**

- ☒ Yes

☐ No

If yes, has the party submitted its national plan to the Conference of the Parties under this article no later than 4 years after the date of entry into force of the Convention for the party?

☐ Yes

☒ No

**Please explain**

Because Albania is party of the convention since 2020.

**Part E – Additional comments on the article in free text if the party chooses to do so**

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▼ ART. 9: RELEASES

**9.1. Are there, within the party's territory, relevant sources of releases as defined in paragraph 2 (b) of article 9?**

☐ Yes

☐ No

☒ I do not know

**Please explain**

I have no information about this issue.

**9.2. Has the party established an inventory of releases from relevant sources within 5 years of entry into force of the convention for it?**

☐ Yes

☐ Relevant sources do not exist in the territory

☒ Have not been a party for 5 years

☐ No

**Part E – Additional comments on the article in free text if the party chooses to do so**

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▼ ART. 10: ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND INTERIM STORAGE OF MERCURY, OTHER THAN WASTE MERCURY

**10.1. Has the party taken measures to ensure that the interim storage of non-waste mercury and mercury compounds intended for a use allowed to a party under the Convention is undertaken in an environmentally sound**

**manner?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☒ I do not know

**Please explain**

In my knowledge, there are non waste mercury that store for a use allowed to a party under the convention.

**Part E – Additional comments on the article in free text if the party chooses to do so**

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▼ **ART. 11: MERCURY WASTES**

**11.1. Have measures outlined in article 11, paragraph 3, been implemented for the party's mercury waste?**

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

**Please describe the measures implemented pursuant to paragraph 3, and please also describe the effectiveness of those measures.**

For the mercury waste is implemented the rules in compliance with Basel convention. It is a DCM641/2014 that partially transpose the regulation 1013/2006 and put the rules for shipment of all type of waste.

**11.2. Are there facilities for final disposal of waste consisting of mercury or mercury compounds in the party's territory?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No
- ☐ I do not know

**Part E – Additional comments on the article in free text if the party chooses to do so**

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▼ **ART. 12: CONTAMINATED SITES**

**12.1. Has the party endeavoured to develop strategies for identifying and assessing sites contaminated by mercury or mercury compounds in its territory?**



☒ Yes

☐ No

**Please elaborate**

The site contaminated by mercury named as a hot spot.

**Part E – Additional comments on the article in free text if the party chooses to do so**

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▼ **ART. 13: FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND MECHANISM**

**13.1. Has the party undertaken to provide, within its capabilities, resources in respect of those national activities that are intended to implement the Convention in accordance with its national policies, priorities, plans and programmes?**

☒ Yes

☐ No

**Please specify**

the legislation is in place and will fully complete with the strategies, plans and programmes that are required in order to implement by the stakeholders.

**Please provide comments, if any.**

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**13.2. Supplemental: Has the party, within its capabilities, contributed to the mechanism referred to in paragraph 5 of article 13?**

☐ Yes

☒ No

**Please specify**

Albania is a country with economy in transition that need to support by the mechanism as GEF or specific programme.

**Please provide comments, if any.**

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**13.3. Supplemental: Has the party provided financial resources to assist developing-country parties and/or parties with economies in transition in the implementation of the Convention through other bilateral, regional and multilateral sources or channels?**

☐ Yes

☒ No

**Please specify**

Albania is a country with economy in transition that need to support by the mechanism as GEF or specific programme.

**Please provide comments, if any.**

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**Part E – Additional comments on the article in free text if the party chooses to do so**

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**▼ ART. 14: CAPACITY-BUILDING, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER**

**14.1. Has the party cooperated to provide capacity-building or technical assistance, pursuant to article 14, to another party to the Convention?**

☐ Yes

☒ No

**Please specify**

Albania is a country with economy in transition that need to support by the mechanism as GEF or specific programme.

**14.2. Supplemental: Has the party received capacity-building or technical assistance pursuant to article 14?**

☐ Yes

☒ No

**Please specify**

Albania is a country with economy in transition that need to support by the mechanism as GEF or specific programme.

**Please provide comments, if any.**

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**14.3. Has the party promoted and facilitated the development, transfer and diffusion of and access to, up-to-date environmentally sound alternative technologies?**

☐ Yes

☒ No

☐ Other

**Please specify**

Albania is a country with economy in transition that need to support by the mechanism as GEF or specific programme.

**Part E – Additional comments on the article in free text if the party chooses to do so**

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**▼ ART. 16: HEALTH ASPECTS**

**16.1. Have measures been taken to provide information to the public on exposure to mercury in accordance with paragraph 1 of article 16?**

☒ Yes

☐ No

**Supplemental: If yes, describe the measures that have been taken.**

It is defined in the DCM 442/2019.

**16.2. Have any other measures been taken to protect human health in accordance with article 16?**

☒ Yes

☐ No

**Supplemental: If yes, describe the measures that have been taken.**

It is defined in the DCM 442/2019.

**Part E – Additional comments on the article in free text if the party chooses to do so**

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**▼ ART. 17: INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

**17.1. Has the party facilitated the exchange of information referred to in article 17, paragraph 1?**

☒ Yes

☐ No

**Please provide more information, if any**

It is defined in the DCM 442/2019.

**Part E – Additional comments on the article in free text if the party chooses to do so**

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▼ ART. 18: PUBLIC INFORMATION, AWARENESS AND EDUCATION

**18.1. Have measures been taken to promote and facilitate the provision to the public of the kinds of information listed in article 18, paragraph 1?**

☒ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please indicate the measures that have been taken and the effectiveness of those measures  
It is defined in the DCM 442/2019.

**Part E – Additional comments on the article in free text if the party chooses to do so**

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▼ ART. 19: RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND MONITORING

**19.1. Has the party undertaken any research, development and monitoring in accordance with paragraph 1 of article 19?**

☒ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please describe these actions  
It is defined in the DCM 442/2019.

**Part E – Additional comments on the article in free text if the party chooses to do so**

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▼ COMMENTS

**Part C: Comments regarding possible challenges in meeting the objectives of the Convention (Art. 21, para. 1)**

Needs more workshops, trainings and meetings in order to have more information and knowledge on implementing the objectives of the convention.

▼ SUPPLEMENTAL – ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

**Supplemental: Part D: Comments regarding the reporting format and possible improvements, if any**

It is ok as a reporting format.