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**▼ INFORMATION ON THE PARTY**

## 1. Information on the party

**Name of party**

Costa Rica

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

19 January 2017

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

16 August, 2017

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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

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**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

If the party answered No above, please explain.

Efforts were made to identify the stocks of mercury and mercury compounds, however they were not found, this is due to the fact that in Costa Rica there are no industries that require mercury for their process and there are no primary mercury or industrial metal mining.

**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 Costa Rica there are no industrial processes that require the import of mercury, the only imports are for analytical and research purposes.

## 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

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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.

In the public health system there is a policy of eliminating the purchase of thermometers and sphygmomanometers from institutional purchases.

Within the Institutional Environmental Management Programs (PGAI), the acquisition of mercury-free lighting is promoted in the processes of substitution, remodeling and construction of new buildings. The cosmetics registration system in charge of the Ministry of Health regulates the maximum concentration of mercury in them according to European regulations that are aligned with the 1 ppm from the Convention on Mercury.

Mercury pesticides have also been banned for more than a decade.

## 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.

In the public health system in the dentistry service, dental amalgams are used in pre-dosed capsules.

**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

**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 yes, please provide information on the measures.

To date, there is no known manufacturing and marketing of mercury-added products not covered by any known use.

**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

**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)



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

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

**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)

**SODIUM OR POTASSIUM METHYLATE OR ETHYLATE**

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

**PRODUCTION OF POLYURETHANE USING MERCURY-CONTAINING CATALYSTS**

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

**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

**7.3. Has the party developed and implemented a national action plan and submitted it to the secretariat?**

☐ Yes

☐ No

☒ In progress

**7.4. Attach your most recent review that must be completed under paragraph 3 (c) of article 7, unless it is not yet due**

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**7.5. Supplemental: Has the party cooperated with other countries or relevant intergovernmental organizations or other entities to achieve the objective of this article?**

☐ Yes

☒ No

**Please provide information**

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

In relation to questions 7.3 and 7.4, the country is in the process of preparing the NAP, which would be ready in June 2022.

### ▼ 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

##### Smelting and roasting processes used in the production of non-ferrous metals

General Regulation for Sanitary Operating Authorizations and Permits Granted by the Ministry of Health  
No. 39472-S

- ☐ Waste incineration facilities
- ☒ Cement clinker production facilities

##### Cement clinker production facilities

There is the following regulation: Regulation for co-processing and waste management in cement kilns  
N° 40557-S

[http://www.pgrweb.go.cr/scij/Busqueda/Normativa/Normas/nrm\\_texto\\_completo.aspx?nValor1=1&nValue2=84662](http://www.pgrweb.go.cr/scij/Busqueda/Normativa/Normas/nrm_texto_completo.aspx?nValor1=1&nValue2=84662)

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

##### Please explain

This is because there are regulations that set maximum emission thresholds, which are based on those established by the environmental agencies of the United States or the European Union.

##### 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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**Progress**

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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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**Progress**

Prior to the entry into force of the Convention, there were already regulations in force to control emissions from these activities.

**▼ 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**

Prior to the entry into force of the Convention, there were already regulations in force to control emissions from these activities.

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

If yes, please explain how the criteria for any category include at least 75 percent of the emissions from that category and explain how the party took into account guidance adopted by the Conference of the Parties.

Currently the country has only two clinker cement factories and 1 company related to smelting and calcination processes in the production of non-ferrous metals, the emission parameters are set by regulations and must be reported. However, until now it is necessary to analyze said information to determine which of them within its category is a relevant source.

**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

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

In question 8.5, it has not been decided to prepare a plan since there are regulations in force to regulate said emissions.

#### ▼ 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

**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

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

Not applicable, since the country does not have temporary storage of mercury and mercury compounds.

**▼ 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.**

The waste that has been exported has been carried out under the guidelines of the Basel Convention.

**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**

Monitoring plans have been developed to follow up on these sites in order to determine the required actions.

**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**

Currently, within our ministry, financial resources are limited for the execution of activities, so only those activities financed with international cooperation resources can be executed.

**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**

Because we are a developing country that does not have enough resources to contribute to this financial mechanism.

**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**

Because we are a developing country that does not have enough resources to collaborate with other parties

**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**

No, our country rather receives collaboration for capacity building, because it is a country with an economy in transition.

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

☒ Yes

☐ No

**Please specify**

In 2019 we received assistance from UNIDO and Switzerland for the disposal of mercury-contaminated waste from the hospital sector.

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**

No, since as we mentioned before, we are beneficiaries of the cooperation that the more developed Party countries give us.

**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

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

☐ Yes

☒ No

**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  
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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. 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

**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

**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)**

As we already mentioned in our previous answers, the limitations are based on the technical and financial resource.

▼ SUPPLEMENTAL – ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

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

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