

MINAMATA CONVENTION ON MERCURY 2021



- * Question 3.2 amended by Equatorial Guinea on 18 August 2022
- * Part E of Article 11 amended by Equatorial Guinea on 12 December 2022

REPORTING PERIOD:

16 August 2017 to 31 December 2020

▼ INFORMATION ON THE PARTY

1. Information on the party

Name of party

Equatorial Guinea

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

24 December 2019

Date of entry into force of the Convention for the party

23 March 2020

2. Information on the national focal point

Full name of the institution

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Focal Point is submitting the national report

- ☒ Information is submitted by the national focal point
- ☐ Information is submitted through the national focal point by the contact officer

▼ 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

La extracción de minas, no se llevaba en Guinea Ecuatorial de manera industrial, con lo cual, la circulación del mercurio, estimamos era muy escasa o inexistente. Ya a partir del 2019, el Gobierno ha otorgado concesiones mineras, lo cual podrá aumentar el uso del mercurio. Pero tampoco hay estudios realizados sobre el particular para disponer de datos fiables, sobre la utilización del mercurio.

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

If yes, please explain.

Como señalado en la cuestión anterior, esta comenzando la explotación de las minas en el país. Desgraciadamente, no hay información sobre la circulación del mercurio. El subsuelo de la región continental de Guinea Ecuatorial es especialmente rico en oro, uranio, diamantes, metales básicos, mineral de hierro y bauxita, por lo que el país pretende aprovechar al máximo su potencial de estos minerales. El mercurio se utiliza para separar y extraer el oro de las rocas o minas donde se encuentran en Guinea Ecuatorial. Como nuestro país tiene minas de oro. Guinea Ecuatorial no tiene ninguna mina legal de extracción de mercurio, pero se encuentra ocasionalmente por casualidad en las obras de construcción de carreteras o en la demolición de rocas para la extracción de grava/gravilla.

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.

No se ha realizado un estudio de búsqueda de mercurio, solo se ha hecho una exploración de las minas, las cuales entraran en explotación.

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

La cuestión del mercurio, es incipiente en Guinea Ecuatorial, no ha habido transacciones oficiales sobre este producto.

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

NA

▼ 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 no, has the party registered for an exemption pursuant to article 6?

☐ Yes

☒ No

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

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 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

El país está en fase de organizarse para la aplicación del Convenio de Minamata, por eso, ha solicitado el apoyo del PNUD con el fin de preparar una propuesta de solicitud de financiación al GEF con el fin de preparar una evaluación inicial de la situación del mercurio en el país (MIA), porque hay muy poca información sobre este producto

▼ 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

Como se dijo anteriormente, casi no hay información acerca de este elemento químico a nivel de Guinea Ecuatorial, por eso se necesita realizar unos estudios preliminares del Mercurio en Guinea Ecuatorial

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

If yes, please explain the circumstances.

El país al no tener información suficiente acerca del mercurio, y su entrada como parte miembro del Convenio de Minamata también siendo reciente, pues algunas industrias podrían o pueden utilizar este mercurio para la fabricación de otros productos desconociendo su grado de contaminación al Medio Ambiente

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

Como se dijo anteriormente, casi no hay información acerca de este elemento químico a nivel de Guinea Ecuatorial, por eso se necesita realizar unos estudios preliminares del Mercurio en Guinea Ecuatorial y para ello se necesita una financiación para estos estudios.

▼ 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

Como se había mencionado antes Guinea Ecuatorial necesita hacer unas evaluaciones para tener una línea base sobre la situación del mercurio a nivel nacional. Pero de igual manera hay extracciones artesanales/rudimentarias de oro pero igualmente sin estudios previos

▼ 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

Waste incineration facilities

Todavía no se han adoptado medidas de control de las emisiones , ya que las pocas instalaciones incineradoras disponibles son privadas

- ☐ 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

Please explain

Es necesario disponer de una línea base sobre la situación nacional del mercurio, por lo que es importante que se implemente un proyecto/estudio preliminar sobre el contexto del mercurio a nivel nacional

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

Al no disponer de una línea base sobre la situación del mercurio a nivel nacional y en base a los resultados que se obtendrían del deseado estudio exploratorio, se establecerían unas medidas/criterios de mejora a las emisiones, con el apoyo de la Convención

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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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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

Please explain

Al no disponer de una línea base sobre la situación del mercurio a nivel nacional y en base a los resultados que se obtendrían del deseado estudio exploratorio, se establecerían unas medidas/criterios de mejora a las emisiones, con el apoyo de la Convención

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

If no such inventory exists, please explain

No, porque Guinea Ecuatorial es un país parte reciente de la Convención

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

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

Es prioritario la realización de un estudio exploratorio a nivel nacional para determinar el contexto del mercurio, lo cual ayudaría a establecer posibles medidas de control de las fuentes de emisión y la reducción de las mismas.

▼ 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

Las fuentes no están claramente identificadas a nivel nacional

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

Please explain

Las fuentes no están claramente identificadas a nivel nacional

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

Se necesitan estudios preliminares a nivel nacional sobre la situación de Hg.

▼ 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

Se necesita estudios preliminares sobre la situación de Hg en Guinea Ecuatorial, por eso necesitamos el apoyo de la Convencion

▼ ART. 11: MERCURY WASTES

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

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

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

Necesitamos el apoyo de la Convención para la implementación de estudios preliminares de Hg a nivel nacional. No se ha implementado el Artículo 11. Cabe mencionar que el país hasta el momento no cuenta con una legislación específica que trate la gestión de residuos de mercurio, la legislación ambiental vigente en el país es muy general y habla de la gestión de residuos a nivel general, pero existe una empresa de reciclaje llamada GOLDEN SWAN, esta empresa trata de recuperar los residuos de mercurio contenidos en los diferentes aparatos electrodomésticos.

▼ 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

El país tiene la visión de trabajar bajo los lineamientos establecidos en la Convención, razón por la cual ha ratificado la misma, sin embargo aun no se han realizado estudios preliminares sobre el Hg por falta de financiamiento tanto interno como de la Convención

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

El país tiene la visión de trabajar bajo los lineamientos establecidos en la Convención, razón por la cual ha ratificado la misma, sin embargo aun no se han realizado estudios preliminares sobre el Hg por falta de financiamiento tanto interno como de la Convención

▼ 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

Cofinanciamiento gubernamental del proyecto de actividades habilitadoras “Desarrollo de la evaluación inicial del Convenio de Minamata en Guinea Ecuatorial.

Please provide comments, if any.

A nivel nacional se tiene asignado un punto focal, igualmente la visión del gobierno es contribuir en especie en la implementación de proyectos potenciales del convenio.

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

Guinea Ecuatorial, al ser un país en desarrollo, no ha proporcionado fondos específicos sobre este particular

Please provide comments, if any.

País en vía de desarrollo

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

Guinea Ecuatorial, al ser un país en desarrollo, no ha proporcionado fondos específicos sobre este particular

Please provide comments, if any.

País en vía de desarrollo

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

Guinea Ecuatorial, al ser un país en desarrollo, no ha proporcionado fondos específicos sobre este particular

▼ 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

Se necesita un reforzamiento de capacitación del personal técnico disponible

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

☐ Yes

☒ No

Please specify

Se necesita un reforzamiento de capacitación del personal técnico disponible

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

Se necesita un reforzamiento de capacitación del personal técnico disponible, para que sirvan de efecto multiplicador

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

Se necesita un reforzamiento de capacitación del personal técnico disponible, para que sirvan de efecto multiplicador

▼ 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

Es importante la capacitación y transferencia de tecnología entre los Estados Parte

▼ 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

El país al no disponer de una línea base sobre el mercurio, no ha proporcionado alguna información científica sobre dicho producto, se necesita financiamiento sobre estudios exploratorios de este producto químico.

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

El país al no disponer de una línea base sobre el mercurio, no ha proporcionado alguna información científica sobre dicho producto, se necesita financiamiento sobre estudios exploratorios de este producto químico.

▼ **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

Se necesita el reforzamiento de capacitación del personal técnico disponible los cuales en consecuencia servirían de efecto multiplicador las las futuras sensibilizaciones.

▼ **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)

Si hay financiación en términos generales, el país cumplirá con los objetivos de la Convención, pero si no hay esa financiación, habrá muchas dificultades en el cumplimiento de dichos objetivos. El otro riesgo sería la evolución de los casos de la pandemia del Corona Virus.

▼ SUPPLEMENTAL – ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

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

El formato actual es positivo.