

# MINAMATA CONVENTION ON MERCURY 2021



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## REPORTING PERIOD:

16 August 2017 to 31 December 2020

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### ▼ INFORMATION ON THE PARTY

## 1. Information on the party

### Name of party

Honduras

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

22 March 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

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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

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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.**

Two National Inventories for the Identification and Quantification of Level I (2015) and Level II (2017) Hg releases have been developed, however no source has been found that exceeds that volume. "MIA NAP Mercury Project, 2017, "National Inventory of Identification and Quantification of Emissions and Releases of Mercury N2 of Honduras 2015".

Environmentally Sound Management Project of Mercury and Products Containing Mercury and its Residues in Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining of gold and the health sector (GAR) GEF, UNDP, UN Environment, MIAMBIENTE+ Honduras

All this information is included in the National Implementation Plan and in the Initial National Assessment that are finished in the diagramming process.

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

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### 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.**

Official National Regulation No. 002-2020 which establishes the measures and conditions for the extraction, manufacture, import, use, storage, and export of mercury and mercury compounds, as well as the storage, export, and final disposal of mercury waste . It is of public order and mandatory compliance throughout the national territory, for all natural or legal persons, public or private, who carry out activities in which mercury, mercury compounds, or mercury-added products are marketed and used.

**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 regulation for the Environmentally Sound Management of Hg, measures are established in the following articles:

Article 7. Prohibitions and restrictions related to mercury, mercury compounds and products with added mercury, as well as manufacturing processes that use mercury in the territory national.

Article 8. Prohibitions and restrictions on the importation of mercury, mercury compounds or mercury-added products.

Article 9. Prohibitions and restrictions on the export of mercury, mercury compounds or mercury-added products.

Article 10. Prohibitions and restrictions on the export of mercury, mercury compounds or 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 are established in the articles of the regulation mentioned in the previous question.

**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.**

Article 7 of the national regulation for the GAR of Hg establishes the following:

the manufacture of products with added mercury in the national territory is prohibited, as well as the manufacturing processes in which mercury or mercury compounds contained in Annex A of this regulation.

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

The regulation was elaborated and approved with the objective of giving national application to what is established in the Minamata Convention.

### ▼ 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

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

Different actions have been developed aimed at the gradual reduction of mercury in small-scale mining.

1. Prepared the national regulations that aim to reduce the use and releases of mercury in ASM and other sectors (GAR DE Hg)
2. National regulations for small-scale mining.
3. Pilot projects in mining communities (Macuelizo) with the presentation of alternatives and techniques for the gradual reduction of mercury, resulting in a reduction of 4.5 tons of Hg per year as of 2017 for a total of 9 tons as a baseline.
4. defined the National Action Plan (NAP)

**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**

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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 power plants

regulation of emissions by fixed sources, regulation of Hg, National Action Plan.  
are the measures that apply both

☒ Coal-fired industrial boilers

### Coal-fired industrial boilers

regulation of emissions by fixed sources, regulation of Hg, National Action Plan.

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

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

regulation of emissions by fixed sources, regulation of Hg, National Action Plan.

☒ Waste incineration facilities

### Waste incineration facilities

regulations on emissions from fixed sources, Hg regulations, National Action Plan.

☒ Cement clinker production facilities

### Cement clinker production facilities

regulation of emissions by fixed sources, regulation of Hg, National Action Plan.

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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**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**

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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

**If yes, when was the inventory last updated?**

Mon, 07/06/2015 – 00:00

**Please indicate where this inventory is available**

Attached

**Attach**

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**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**

The plan is finished and agreed upon, it is only in the layout stage.

**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

**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 indicate the measures taken to ensure that such interim storage is undertaken in an environmentally sound manner and the effectiveness of those measures.**

Good practice guides have been generated for the provisional storage of non-residual mercury, with the aim of ensuring environmentally sound management, and the regulations for comprehensive environmental management are contemplated in its articles.

**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.**

The national regulation for the Environmentally Sound Management of Mercury and products with Added Mercury contemplates in article 13 the measures for mercury waste according to the Basel and Minamata 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**

There is a draft national regulation for sites contaminated with chemical substances, subject to approval.

**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**

All the actions promoted for the application of the Convention have been thanks to the GEF funds through the projects managed on the theme of Mercury.

1. Mia–Nap  
project 2. Mercury Environmentally Sound Management project  
if there have been national contributions but as part of their Co–financing.

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

We are a developing country.

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

we are a developing country.

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

we are a country that needs help in technical assistance and technology transfer.

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

☒ Yes

☐ No

### Please specify

Technical assistance has been received from different foreign companies from Germany and Colombia in pilot small-scale mining communities.

### 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

Concomitants and advice have been promoted, technical guides in mining communities. on the use of best available techniques and best practices.

## 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.

Within the national plan for the application of the Convention, there is a strategic axis aimed at Raising Awareness of Those Involved in the GAR of Mercury and the General Population about the Health Risks due to Exposure to Mercury and another strategic axis to Protect the Population against the Risks Associated with Mercury Exposure, a plan that has been agreed upon with all the national actors with interference in the issues discussed.

## 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.**

Artisanal and small-scale mining has been identified as the main source of mercury release. The main populations at risk for this activity are the following: artisanal miners, gold manufacturers, nearby communities, family members, artisanal and small-scale mining activities, exposed population. The GAR Mercury Project carried out a "Study on the Evaluation of Exposure and Human Intoxication by Mercury in an Artisanal Mining Area in El Corpus, Choluteca". The results were socialized with the communities, as well as with the Health authorities with the objective of taking actions. The implementation of the best techniques and best practices available for the reduction of mercury have also been promoted.

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

Similarly, the MAPE regulation, mercury regulation are intended to protect human health and the environment from the effects of mercury.

### **▼ 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**

Efforts have been made to exchange information as mentioned in article 17, through campaigns, workshops, videoconferences and documents prepared.

## **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**

Different materials have been developed. trefoils, arts, publications on social networks, exhibitions, campaigns that address all this theme.

## 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

Inventories of the use and consumption and emissions of mercury have been carried out, as well as the development of research such as the biomonitoring of urine and hair in the population exposed to mercury due to artisanal and small-scale mining activities, research on mercury in breast milk in banks of milk from 2 hospitals in the central district of the country, analysis of total mercury in dried fish from different parts of the country, a mercury registration system has been established aimed at importing and using mercury in all activities and natural and legal persons in the country .

## 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)

the party has put all its efforts and resources according to our capabilities and thanks to global funds for the environment, important results have been obtained in advancing compliance with the agreement; however, the difficulties will always be the economic capacities for the execution of certain activities.

### ▼ SUPPLEMENTAL – ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

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

This online format is pertinent for filling out the national reports, it is considered very complete in terms of the collection of information and the form of progress both in time and form.

