

Note from the Secretariat

This is an extract from the Draft Reporting Guidance prepared for COP-4 as document [UNEP/MC/COP.4/17](#). The document is made available in the six UN languages.

Parties are invited to make use of the Draft Reporting Guidance in preparing for their second short report, which is due by December 31, 2023.

To note is that a revised version of the Draft Reporting Guidance will be submitted for consideration and possible adoption at COP-5.

Question 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? (para. 3)

☐ Yes

☐ No

If **yes**, please indicate:

a) The anticipated date of closure of the mine(s): (*month, year*) OR

b) The date upon which the mine(s) closed: (*month*) (*year*)

c)*Total amount mined _____ metric tons per year

NOTES: "Mercury" is defined in Article 2 (d) of the Convention as "...elemental mercury (Hg(0), CAS No. 7439-97-6)...". Article 2 (i) defines primary mercury mining as "mining in which the principal material sought is mercury". Accordingly, this question does not seek information about mines from which mercury is obtained as a by-product or waste (question 3.3 below addresses mercury from other such sources).

Paragraph 4 of Article 3 allows a Party with primary mercury mining within its territory at the date of entry into force of the Convention for it to continue to allow those existing mines to operate for up to 15 years after that date. Paragraph 11 of Article 3 requires each Party to include in its reports submitted pursuant to Article 21 information showing that the requirements of this Article have been met.

SUGGESTED APPROACH FOR RESPONSE:

☐ If the Party does not have primary mercury mines that were operating at the date of entry into force of the Convention for it, the Party would reply "**no**" and move to the next question.

☐ If the Party has primary mercury mines that were operating at the date of entry into force of the Convention for it, the Party would reply "**yes**" and would indicate, for each mine:

- The anticipated date of closure for the mine(s) OR the date when the mine(s) closed;
- The total amount mined per year of the reporting period (in metric tons of mercury metal produced by primary mining, rather than the total amount of mercury-containing ore that was excavated). Data should be provided for each year the mine(s) operated since the date of entry into force for the Party. Data for partial years can be included if data for full years are unavailable. In that case, or when data is completely unavailable, and for any other information the Party regards as pertinent, there is an opportunity to provide an explanation and/or further information in *part C: Comments regarding possible challenges in meeting the objective of the Convention* and/or *part E, where Parties may provide additional comments on each of the Articles in free-form text should they choose to do so*.