

BC-12/4: Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with mercury

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Welcomes with appreciation* the contribution made by Japan as lead country in the updating of the technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of elemental mercury and wastes containing or contaminated with mercury and by the small intersessional working group established in accordance with decision IX/15 of the Conference of the Parties;
2. *Adopts* the technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with mercury or mercury compounds;¹
3. *Requests* the Secretariat to disseminate the technical guidelines to parties and others, including the interim secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury, in the six official languages of the United Nations;
4. *Invites* parties and others to use the technical guidelines and to submit, not later than two months before the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, through the Secretariat, comments on their experience in so doing and on any developments regarding methods for the environmentally sound disposal of mercury wastes, including the long-term effectiveness of the stabilization and solidification of wastes consisting of mercury;
5. *Requests* the Secretariat to prepare a compilation of the comments and information referred to in paragraph 4 above for the consideration of next actions, including the possible updating of the technical guidelines, by the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting.

¹ UNEP/CHW.12/5/Add.8/Rev.1.