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Decision adopted by the first Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury

MC-1/17: Guidance in relation to mercury releases

The Conference of the Parties,

Recognizing the importance of the control of mercury releases in achieving the objective of the Minamata Convention on Mercury,

Recognizing also the requirement for the Conference of the Parties to adopt, as soon as practicable, guidance on best available techniques and best environmental practices to control releases from relevant sources, and the methodology for preparing inventories of releases from such sources,

1. *Encourages* parties to identify relevant point sources at the national level pursuant to paragraphs 2 (b) and 3 of article 9 as soon as possible, and to submit information to the secretariat on the identified relevant sources;
2. *Requests* the secretariat to compile submissions from parties and provide such information to the Conference of the Parties at its second meeting.