

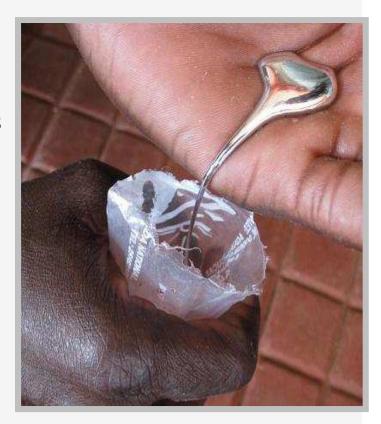
Overview of the negotiations process of the Minamata Convention on Mercury



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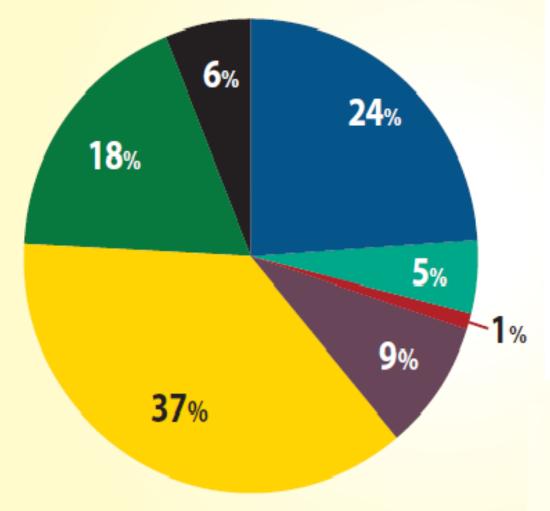
Main steps of the negotiations process

- 2001 Global mercury assessment initiated
- 2003 Governments agree on the need for global action on mercury, based on its adverse health and environment effects and its long range transport in the environment
- 2007 Governments agree to consider the need for a legally binding instrument to further address the mercury issue
- 2009 Governments agree to negotiate a global legally binding instrument on mercury and establish the intergovernmental negotiating committee (INC)





Global anthropogenic mercury emissions in 2010





Fossil fuel combustion (power & heating)



Metal production (ferrous & non-ferrous)



Chlor-alkali industry



Waste incineration, waste & other



Artisanal and small-scale gold mining



Cement production



Other

Source: Adapted from UNEP, Global Mercury Assessment 2013: Sources, Emissions, Releases and Environmental Transport, 2013.

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19 January 2013:

Governments agreed to the text of the "Minamata Convention on Mercury"

10 October 2013:

Text of the Minamata Convention adopted and opened for signature in Kumamoto, Japan

Convention opened for signature until **9 October 2014**

➤ Entry into force: 90th day after the date of deposit of the 50th instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession





As of 15 June 2015, 128 Signatures and 12 Parties

