



Minamata Convention on Mercury

Ratifying the Minamata Convention: reservations and declarations

Reservations upon ratification or accession to the Minamata Convention are not provided for – however, under international law, a country ratifying or acceding to a treaty may make a declaration where they express their understanding of some matter or the interpretation of a particular provision.

Unlike reservations, declarations merely clarify the country's position and do not modify the legal effect of a treaty. Usually, declarations are made at the time of ratification or signature.



This factsheet on the Minamata Convention is included in the comprehensive report: *Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs)*, pp. 40–43.