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TO: SPREP National Focal Points

SUBJECT: Call for Information on Mercury Supply Sources and Trade under the Minamata Convention – Submission Deadline 30 October 2026

Dear Members,

The Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), in its capacity as the Pacific Regional Centre for the Basel Convention and regional support agency for chemicals and waste management, wishes to draw your attention to a request from the Secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury for information relating to mercury supply sources and trade. This request follows decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties to support the implementation and effectiveness evaluation of the Convention.

The Minamata Convention Secretariat is seeking information from Parties and relevant stakeholders on:

- Existing and emerging sources of mercury supply;
- Trade in elemental mercury and mercury compounds;
- National measures regulating mercury supply and trade;
- Challenges and opportunities associated with controlling mercury supply chains; and
- Any relevant experiences, lessons learned, or available data that could contribute to the ongoing work of the Convention.

The information collected will support the Secretariat's assessment of mercury supply sources and trade and inform discussions by Parties on the effectiveness of measures under the Convention.

SPREP encourages Members to consider providing information directly to the Minamata Convention Secretariat where relevant national information is available. At the same time, SPREP intends to prepare a regional submission drawing on information already available through national Minamata Initial Assessments (MIAs), project activities, and regional experiences, including those generated under the GEF ISLANDS programme and related chemicals and waste initiatives.

Members are therefore invited to:

1. Review the information request circulated by the Minamata Convention Secretariat;
2. Share any relevant national information, reports, studies, regulatory developments, or data on mercury supply sources and trade;
3. Notify SPREP of any national submissions being made directly to the Convention Secretariat; and
4. Provide comments or additional information that may support the preparation of SPREP's regional submission.

Relevant information should be submitted to SPREP no later than **30 September 2026** to allow sufficient time for consolidation and send back to you for review by **15 October 2026** before submitting to the Minamata Secretariat by deadline, **30 October 2026**.

Submissions and enquiries may be directed to:

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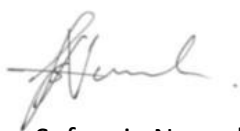
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SPREP appreciates the continued support and collaboration of Members in advancing the implementation of the Minamata Convention and strengthening mercury management across the Pacific region.

Yours sincerely,



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