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Subject: Minamata Convention on Mercury – Peer review of the draft global report on collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (CBD Notification 2026-047)

Dear Ms. Schomaker,

Thank you for the opportunity to review the draft global report on collective progress towards the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. I commend you and your team for the development of the draft.

Having reviewed the draft report, I find that the Minamata Convention contribution is reflected well in the draft report, given the nature of the document and the need to maintain balance generally across the multilateral environmental agreements.

References to the Minamata Convention on Mercury are well-captured in the draft report, in section II.B (Target 7) highlighting the role of the Convention in reducing mercury pollution from artisanal and small-scale gold mining and its contribution to Target 7 of the Framework, as well as in section II.E listing the Minamata Convention among the multilateral environmental agreements referenced in national biodiversity strategies and action plans.

These references draw on the Minamata Convention Secretariat's submission in response to CBD Notification 2025-099, and are in line with the Convention's broader work on mercury and biodiversity, including the Roadmap for enhancing co-benefits from implementation of the Minamata Convention and the Framework.

I would like to draw attention to Indicator 22 which addresses international cooperation and engagement. The Minamata Convention has substantive work relevant to this indicator, particularly regarding the engagement of Indigenous Peoples, as well as local communities, as documented in the submission to the draft global report on 25 February 2026. I trust that future versions of the global report on collective progress will reflect the scope of such international cooperation mechanisms available through multilateral environmental agreements.

Should any further information or clarification be needed, my colleague, Brenda Koekkoek, Senior Coordination Officer of the Minamata Convention Secretariat, can be contacted at Brenda.Koekkoek@un.org.

With kind regards,

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