

Toward a Planet Free of Mercury

At the Sixth Conference of the Minamata Convention, countries have a historic opportunity: to decide on a mercury-free future in artisanal and small-scale gold mining (ASGM), where health and the planet come first.

THE AMAZON AT RISK



Mercury travels across the Amazon through smuggling for use in ASGM and illegal mining.



That mercury ends up in the water, accumulates in fish, and poisons wildlife. This seriously affects Indigenous and riverside communities that depend on fish for their food and culture.



The expansion of illegal mining is deepening an environmental and social crisis that demands urgent action under the Minamata Convention.

A GLOBAL PROBLEM THAT DEMANDS STRONG DECISIONS



Mercury is one of the most toxic metals on the planet.

Although it occurs naturally, human activity now releases it on a large scale—especially through artisanal and small-scale gold mining (ASGM), which emits large amounts of mercury every year.

Its effects are devastating:
It poisons the water and the fish we consume.
It affects the health of millions of people.
It destroys entire ecosystems.



The Minamata Convention represents a global commitment to eliminate mercury. It is time to strengthen efforts and act collaboratively to achieve full compliance.



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OUR CALL:



Ban the use of mercury in artisanal and small-scale gold mining, and cut off the trade that fuels it.



Strengthen enforcement and compliance mechanisms of the Minamata Convention, including traceability and monitoring.



Ensure real technical and financial cooperation for the countries and communities most exposed and with the least capacity to respond.



Curb smuggling and cross-border trafficking of mercury through coordinated actions among States.



Center human health, environmental justice, and the protection of Amazonian ecosystems.

ACTING TOGETHER IS PROTECTING LIFE



Eliminating mercury from mining means protecting water, health, and the future of upcoming generations.



The decisions made at this conference can change the course toward a mercury-free planet.



A planet free of mercury is not a dream



it is a shared responsibility with the communities already paying the price.

It's time to act. **#MakeMercuryHistory**

Message from the Observatorio de Minería Ilegal y Actividades Vinculadas en Áreas Claves de Biodiversidad
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