Part II: Processes subject to Article 5, paragraph 3

Mercury using process	Provisions
Vinyl chloride monomer production	Measures to be taken by the Parties shall include but not be limited to: (i) Reduce the use of mercury in terms of per unit production by 50 per cent by the year 2020 against 2010 use; (ii) Promoting measures to reduce the reliance on mercury from primary mining; (iii) Taking measures to reduce emissions and releases of mercury to the environment; (iv) Supporting research and development in respect of mercury-free catalysts and processes; (v) Not allowing the use of mercury five years after the Conference of the Parties has established that mercury-free catalysts based on existing processes have become technically and economically feasible; (vi) Reporting to the Conference of the Parties on its efforts to develop and/or identify alternatives and phase out mercury use in accordance with Article 21.
Sodium or Potassium Methylate or Ethylate	Measures to be taken by the Parties shall include but not be limited to: (i) Measures to reduce the use of mercury aiming at the phase out of this use as fast as possible and within 10 years of the entry into force of the Convention; (ii) Reduce emissions and releases in terms of per unit production by 50 per cent by 2020 compared to 2010; (iii) Prohibiting the use of fresh mercury from primary mining; (iv) Supporting research and development in respect of mercury-free processes; (v) Not allowing the use of mercury five years after the Conference of the Parties has established that mercury-free processes have become technically and economically feasible; (vi) Reporting to the Conference of the Parties on its efforts to develop and/or identify alternatives and phase out mercury use in accordance with Article 21.
Production of polyurethane using mercury containing catalysts	Measures to be taken by the Parties shall include but not be limited to: (i) Taking measures to reduce the use of mercury, aiming at the phase out of this use as fast as possible, within 10 years of the entry into force of the Convention; (ii) Taking measures to reduce the reliance on mercury from primary mercury mining; (iii) Taking measures to reduce emissions and releases of mercury to the environment; (iv) Encouraging research and development in respect of mercury-free catalysts and processes; (v) Reporting to the Conference of the Parties on its efforts to develop and/or identify alternatives and phase out mercury use in accordance with Article 21. Paragraph 6 of Article 5 shall not apply to this manufacturing process.

Annex C

Artisanal and small-scale gold mining

National action plans

1. Each Party that is subject to the provisions of paragraph 3 of Article 7 shall include in its national action plan:

(a) National objectives and reduction targets;

(b) Actions to eliminate:

(i) Whole ore amalgamation;

(ii) Open burning of amalgam or processed amalgam;

(iii) Burning of amalgam in residential areas; and

(iv) Cyanide leaching in sediment, ore or tailings to which mercury has been added without first removing the mercury;

(c) Steps to facilitate the formalization or regulation of the artisanal and small-scale gold mining sector;

(d) Baseline estimates of the quantities of mercury used and the practices employed in artisanal and small-scale gold mining and processing within its territory;

(e) Strategies for promoting the reduction of emissions and releases of, and exposure to, mercury in artisanal and small-scale gold mining and processing, including mercury-free methods;

(f) Strategies for managing trade and preventing the diversion of mercury and mercury compounds from both foreign and domestic sources to use in artisanal and small scale gold mining and processing;

(g) Strategies for involving stakeholders in the implementation and continuing development of the national action plan;

(h) A public health strategy on the exposure of artisanal and small-scale gold miners and their communities to mercury. Such a strategy should include, inter alia, the gathering of health data, training for health-care workers and awareness-raising through health facilities;

(i) Strategies to prevent the exposure of vulnerable populations, particularly children and women of child-bearing age, especially pregnant women, to mercury used in artisanal and small-scale gold mining;

(j) Strategies for providing information to artisanal and small-scale gold miners and affected communities; and

(k) A schedule for the implementation of the national action plan.

2. Each Party may include in its national action plan additional strategies to achieve its objectives, including the use or introduction of standards for mercury-free artisanal and small-scale gold mining and market-based mechanisms or marketing tools.