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Health sector roles in the Minamata Convention on mercury

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Mercury as a pollutant of public health concern

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Convention

Article 16 – Health Aspects

- Development & implementation of strategies & programs - identify and protect populations at risk and vulnerable people
- Strategies and programs on occupational exposures
- Setting targets for mercury exposure reductions & public education, with public health & other sectors
- Health care services for prevention, treatment & care of people affected by mercury exposure
- Capacity building for prevention, diagnosis, treatment & monitoring health risks of mercury & mercury compounds
- Conference of parties to consult, collaborate, cooperate & exchange information with WHO, ILO & other IGOs.

Convention Articles

Art 17: Information exchange

- Health information

Art 18: Public information, awareness & education

- Human health

Art 19: Research, development and monitoring

- Health assessments and monitoring levels of mercury & mercury compounds in vulnerable populations