Minamata Convention on Mercury

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The European Parliament adopted by 592 votes to 21, with 21 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion on behalf of the European Union of the Minamata Convention on Mercury.

In line with the recommendation made by the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety, Parliament approved the conclusion of the Minamata Convention on Mercury.

The Minamata Convention on Mercury, adopted on 10 October 2013 in Kumamoto (Japan), is a global treaty under the auspices of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). It is the main international legal framework for cooperation and measures to control and limit the use and anthropogenic emissions of mercury and mercury compounds to air, water and land.