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Overview of the negotiations process of the Minamata Convention on Mercury



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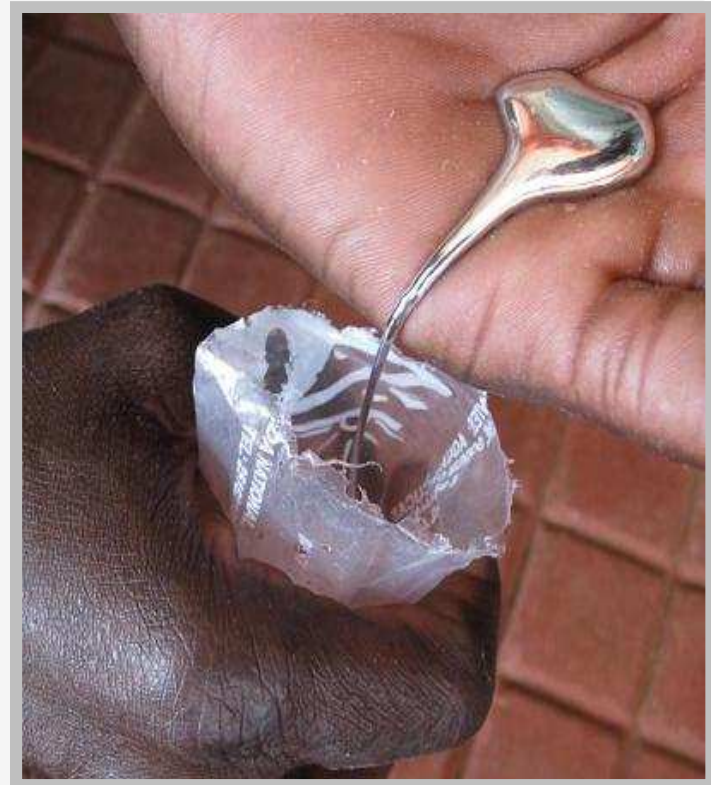
Main steps of the negotiations process

2001 – Global mercury assessment initiated

2003 – Governments agree on the need for global action on mercury, based on its adverse health and environment effects and its long range transport in the environment

2007 – Governments agree to consider the need for a legally binding instrument to further address the mercury issue

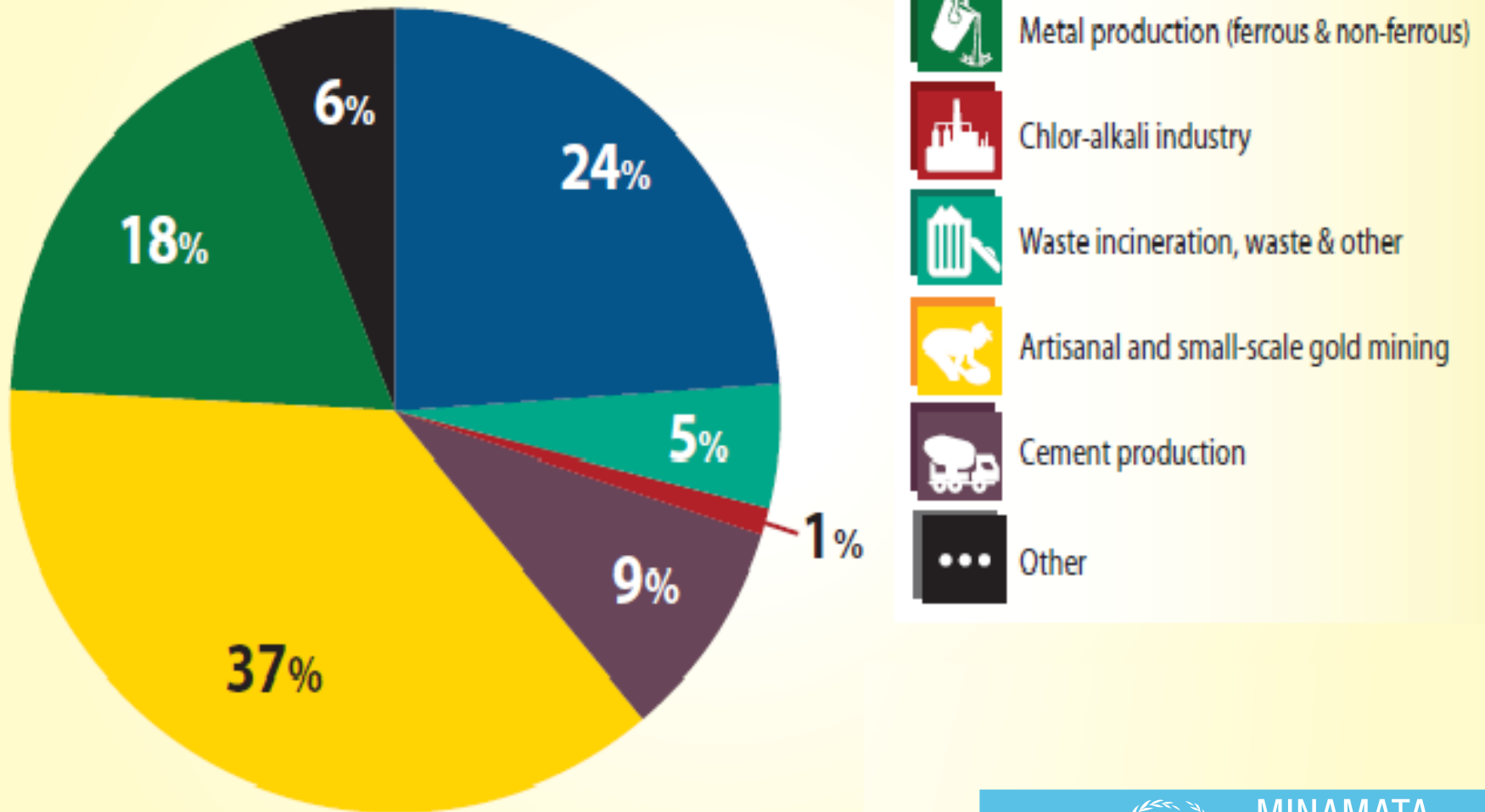
2009 – Governments agree to negotiate a global legally binding instrument on mercury and establish the intergovernmental negotiating committee (INC)



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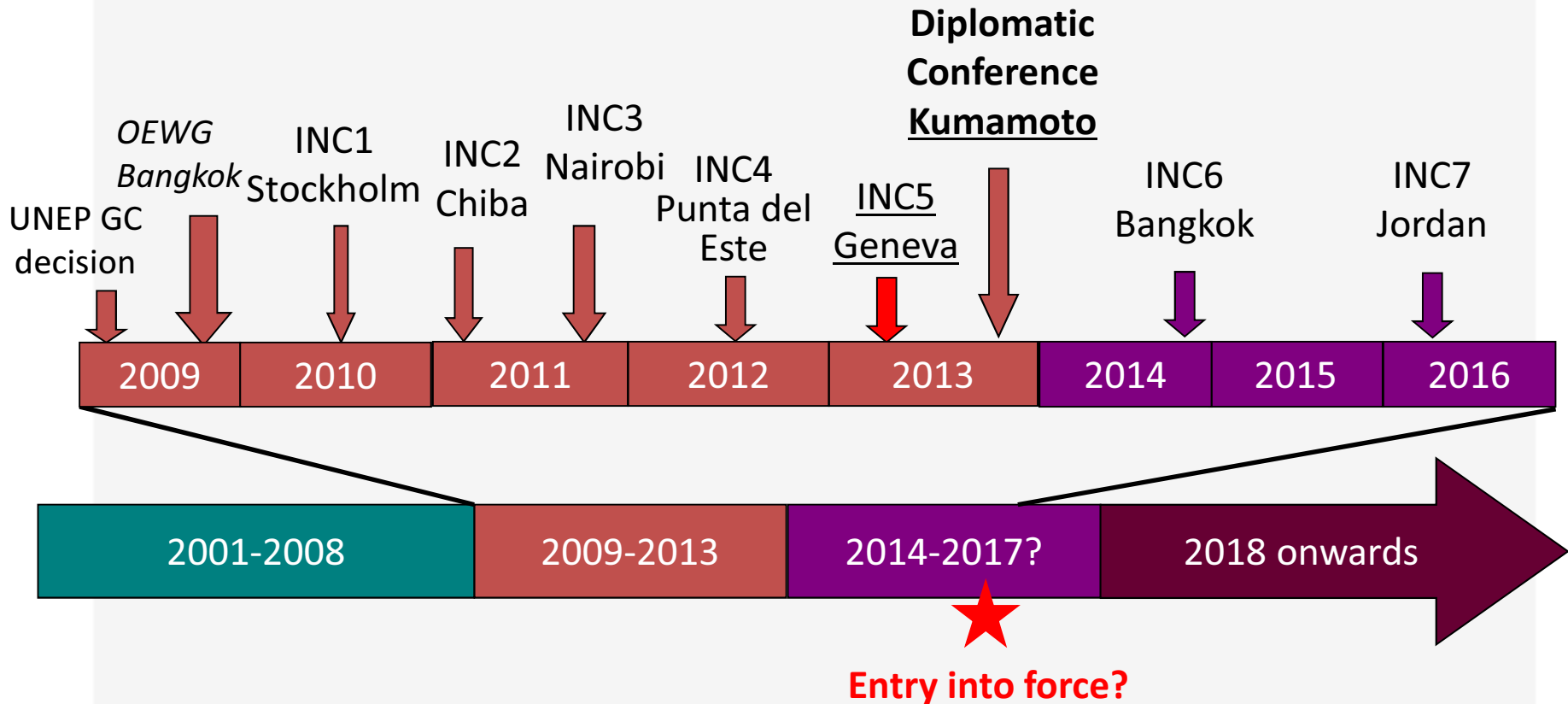
Global anthropogenic mercury emissions in 2010



Source: Adapted from UNEP, Global Mercury Assessment 2013: Sources, Emissions, Releases and Environmental Transport, 2013.
Designed by Zoï Environment Network / GRID-Arendal, December 2012.



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19 January 2013:

Governments agreed to the text of the "Minamata Convention on Mercury"

10 October 2013:

Text of the Minamata Convention adopted and opened for signature in Kumamoto, Japan

Convention opened for signature until
9 October 2014

➤ **Entry into force** : 90th day after the date of deposit of the 50th instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession



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As of 15 June 2015, 128 Signatories and 12 Parties

