

Project Title	"Global Programme to Demonstrate the Viability and Removal of Barriers that Impede Adoption and Successful Implementation of Available, Non-Combustion Technologies for Destroying Persistent Organic Pollutants"	"EMB-UNITAR Project on the Ratification and Early Implementation of the Minamata Convention on Mercury in the Philippines"
Project Description/ Objective	<p>The project will introduce and apply a non-combustion technology to destroy significant obsolete polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) wastes and will help remove barriers to the further adoption and effective implementation of the selected technology and meet the requirement of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. The immediate project objective is to deploy a commercially available, proven non-combustion technology to address 1,500 tonnes of PCB-containing equipment and wastes. The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) is the implementing agency for the Project. The DENR has the lead responsibility in coordinating with other institutions in the Philippines participating in the project and acts as the National Executing Agency. The immediate project objective is to deploy a commercially available, proven non-combustion technology to address 1,500 tonnes of PCB-containing equipment and wastes. The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) is the implementing agency for the Project. The DENR has the lead responsibility in coordinating with other institutions in the Philippines participating in the project and acts as the National Executing Agency.</p>	<p>The one-year project aims to prepare a ratification dossier for the Minamata Convention to be transmitted to the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) of the Philippines for submission to the Senate of the Philippines. The ratification dossier shall comprise a) Legal assessment, with input from relevant stakeholders at the national level, of the existing legal instruments for mercury in the Philippines and the implications of ratification; b) based on the assessment, a technical study considering the implications and benefits of ratification of the Minamata Convention and a legal analysis of steps needed to ratify it; and c) a concise plan of priority areas and actions related to mercury management in the Philippines. Under the project, it is agreed that EMB hold initial consultations with key stakeholders to inform and consult about the Minamata Convention and the ratification process; to solicit inputs and comments on the national priority action plan on mercury management in the Philippines; and to discuss the obligations, implications and benefits for the country.</p>
Project Duration	<p>September 2007-CY 2011 First Extension: December 2012 Second Extension: January 2013-December 2014</p>	<p>June 2014 - June 2015</p>
Status	<p>Extended until June 2015</p>	<p>1st NSC Meeting was conducted last August 2014</p>