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**2010 Project title:** *INC2 NGO Preparatory activities in Japan*

**Project objectives:**

- ø strengthen NGO input in preparation for INC 2 and make the UNEP treaty negotiations known to the Japanese public
  
- ø Engage the Minamata victims and their supporters in the INC process to underline the lessons to be learnt from Minamata and appeal to the Japanese government for the adoption of a global treaty on mercury
  
- ø Exert pressure towards a Japanese mercury export ban and safe storage of surplus mercury);
  
- ø Sensitize the government to the importance of a robust and comprehensive treaty that will control mercury's full life-cycle by highlighting the Minamata events

**Project activities:**

1. Write a **report on 'Mercury issues in Japan'** on the basis of an updated presentation developed already by CACP, to be available for INC 2.

2. **Organizing an NGO symposium in Japan** (in December 2010) in view of: engaging the Minamata victims' groups at the INC process to appeal to governments for a robust treaty; make the UNEP mercury process known to Japanese public: and exert pressure towards a Japanese mercury export ban (and safe storage of surplus mercury).

3. **Organizing the "Honoring Minamata" side event a day before INC 2** negotiations highlighting the tragedy of Minamata, the need for a strong mercury treaty, and the need for a Japan export ban, along with storage of surplus mercury.

**Recommendation:** Need for the Japanese government to put in place a mercury export ban and address safe storage of surplus mercury

**Status:** Completed

## **Outcome**

All the project activities were successfully carried out during INC 2 in Chiba, Japan

### *Deliverables*

(1) [Program for NGO International Mercury Symposium on December 4, 2010 Minamata and Global Mercury Issues](#)

[Statement by Minamata Disease Victims and Supporters "Toward the Global Treaty on Mercury".](#)

[Photos from the Symposium](#)

(2) Report: [Minamata and The Global Treaty on Mercury](#)

(3) Report from [Kumamoto and Minamata Visit from September 12 to 14](#)

(4) [October 15, 2009 Civil Society Organizations Joint Statement Japanese Government Needs to Enact Mercury Export Ban Act](#)

(5) [ZMWG/CACP NGO side event - Honoring Minamata - 23 January 2011 - Chiba, Japan](#) and in Japanese

(6) [Report of the Mercury Symposium by CACP - 04 December 2011](#) [Report of the Mercury Symposium by CACP - 04 December 2011 - in Japan](#)