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**New treaty effectiveness will depend on adequacy of data to be collected**

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Prior to the start of the first Conference of Parties (COP1), the Zero Mercury Working Group (ZM

“While there are alternatives to mercury, there are no alternatives to global cooperation,” said M

The First Conference of the Parties will take place from 24 to 29 September 2017 in Geneva, Swit

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During the prior negotiations, the Intergovernmental Negotiation Committee (INC) approved mar

“These INC approvals were achieved by consensus after considerable deliberations, and are rea

Among the most critical open issues to be discussed at COP1 are the reporting requirements, w

□ “Countries will not have readily available information about production and trade in bordering

Mercury is a global pollutant that travels long distances. Its most toxic form – methylmercury – a

For more information, see:

<http://www.mercuryconvention.org>

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