New treaty's entry into force set to curtail global mercury crisis, say NGOs

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Today's entry into force of the Minamata Convention establishes the first new multilateral enviro

"While there are alternatives to mercury, there are no alternatives to global cooperation," said Michael B
"Only a global pact can curtail this dangerous neurotoxin."

In October 2013 the convention text was adopted and signed by 128 countries, but would not take legal

"We are now on the right track," said Elena Lymberidi-Settimo, Project Manager, European Environmen

"Over time, the Convention is expected to provide the necessary technical and financial resources to re

The aim of the Convention is "to protect the human health and the environment" from mercury re

The treaty holds critical obligations for Parties to ban new primary mercury mines while phasing out exis

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

The Minamata Convention joins 3 other UN conventions seeking to reduce impacts from chemicals and

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For more information, see:

http://www.mercuryconvention.org/Negotiations/COP1/tabid/5544/language/en-US/Default.aspx

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Notes to the editors:

Mercury is a global pollutant that travels long distances and, in its most toxic form – methylmercury - accumula

*The   **Zero Mercury Working Group** (ZMWG) is an international coalition of over 95 public, in

The European Environmental Bureau (EEB) is Europe's largest network of environmental citizens' organ

We have over 140 members in over 30 countries.

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