

ZMWG COP 1 Matters for Future Action Intervention- Art 3.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

In document COP 1/22, no timetable is provided for the consideration of whether certain mercury compounds should be incorporated into the Article 3 trade consent requirements, as required by Paragraph 13 of Article 3. The recently released UN trade report documents the large amount of trade in mercury compounds. A growing number of countries are regulating the trade of mercury compounds because of their conversion potential to elemental mercury. We suggest that the COP consider the issue of mercury compounds trade in the same time frame as the consideration of Annex A and B revisions, initiating the process at COP 3.