

ZMWG COP2 statement on effectiveness evaluation
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Thank you Mr. President and to the interim secretariat for developing the guidelines.

Zero Mercury recommends that interim storage guidelines be adopted at COP2, since there is a great need worldwide for clear guidance to prevent future contamination. We believe that the latest guidance is much improved, including more detailed facility closure plans.

However, we would suggest that provisions for financial instruments be considered for private facilities to assure adequate funds are available at closure to both manage surplus mercury in an environmentally sound manner and also to assure that any on-site contamination is thoroughly cleaned up.