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Switzerland must enact full mercury export ban say environmental groups

Fifty environmental groups are calling on Switzerland to match their words with action by fully

Just weeks after Switzerland held the first COP of the Minamata Convention on mercury they are consid

“Switzerland remains the **Elena Lyberidi, Settime, Project Manager, Zero Mercury Campaigns of the**

The EEB is Europe’s largest network of environmental citizens’ organizations with around 140 organisat

The EU banned exports of mercury in 2011 but the Swiss mercury trade has continued. Some 50 enviro

Mercury is a dangerous neurotoxin and exposure can cause serious health problems.

A public consultation was launched in Switzerland last year with proposed amendments to four ordinanc

“Unfortunately, commerc **Michael Bender, Director, Mercury Policy Project, USA Gov**

“If Switzerland wants to be the flag bearer for the Convention, it needs to show exemplary leadership.”

Advocates point out that the Convention calls on Parties to phase down the use of dental amalgam, whi

“We strongly urge Switzer **Dr Shatrik Hossain, Senior Research Advisor, Environment and Social De**

“Exporting mercury specifically for dental mercury use sends a contradictory message.”

Advocates say that it may be difficult to ensure that exported mercury will only go for intended uses and

The Swiss Federal Council's decision is expected tomorrow Wednesday 25 October.

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Notes for editors

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