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**PRESS RELEASE:**

**End mercury use in dentistry by 2022, civil society challenge European Union**

**A call to phase out mercury use in dentistry by 2022 in the European Union has been made**

Mercury is currently used in dental amalgam in fillings and is easily replaceable. Mercury is a dangerous

Given that dental amalgam is 50 per cent mercury, the Minamata Convention on Mercury requires each

In 2017, the European Union adopted an amalgam ban for children under the age of 15 and for pregnant

The call to set a date to ~~End dental mercury use in the EU by civil society~~ **Berlin Declaration** ~~by civil society~~ **by 2022** on 21-22 November, in

The two-day summit drew leadership from dental societies, academia, national, European and international

**Stefan Eck, German MEP**, who shepherded the ~~parliamentary~~ **Berlin Declaration** through the European Parliament, pro  
"It was important to participate in this summit in Berlin. I will try my best to work with civil societies to ac

**Charlie Brown of World Alliance for Mercury-Free Dentistry**  
"The ~~Berlin Declaration~~ **Berlin Declaration** parallels similar civil society ~~calls for Africa and Asia~~ **calls for Africa and Asia** (2014)

**Elena Lymberidi-Settimo of the European Environmental Bureau (EEB)** amalgam a decade ago, said:  
“The *Berlin Declaration* highlights a ten-year campaign by the EEB to bring mercury

**Florian Schulze of IG Umwelt Zehn Mediziner** summit and launched a national campaign, said:  
“Germany can end amalgam sooner, in 2019. Amalgam use is now very low, and dentists are ready for

**Philippe Vandendaele of Health Care Without Harm-Europe**  
“We co-led the campaign to end mercury in the other two medical devices, thermometers and sphygmometers

**Dr Silvia Pleschka of Women Engage for a Common Future**  
“The protection enshrined for children, pregnant women and breastfeeding women needs to be extended

**ENDS**

## Notes for editors

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National German Campaign <http://go.nochef.de/#OpenYourMouthAgainstAmalgam>

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