



ZMWG Intervention on Annex A and B Review

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Mr. President, designing and initiating the Annex A and B review process is one of COP 3 highest priorities. These Annexes were finalized almost seven years ago, and both warrant updating and upgrading.

For example, we know of two significant uses of mercury not previously known or anticipated in 2013, and thus not addressed in either Annex. One use, prominent in Nepal and perhaps neighboring countries, is the use of mercury in gold plating. The second use is mercury as a rocket fuel in satellite propulsion, contemplated by private companies with plans to launch thousands of satellites in the near future.

We look forward to the discussion regarding the details of the review process. It's important that any process begin with a call for information from Parties and other stakeholders for information relevant to the review, so that the expert group can properly evaluate this information and set its path forward for the remainder of the intersessional process. And, in the end, whatever process is established, should provide for meaningful NGO input, and should be designed to lead to a very productive COP 4 on these issues.