



ZMWG contribution in relation to the PoW and towards facilitating implementation of the Convention.

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Thank you Mr. President,

We are almost two and a half years after the entry into force of the Minamata Convention, and not one country has submitted a trade consent form. We don't believe this is due to an absence of trade. Rather, it's a strong indication of the capacity building and training challenges we have ahead.

Looking at the Programme of Work and relevant budget, while we welcome many of the elements, we fear the planned activities and budget will not meet the developing countries' capacity needs for training on existing obligations already in force and the obligations coming in 2020 and 2021. We call your attention to Activities 7 and 4.2, and the limited global reach anticipated, for example.

We as NGOs are ready to assist in the education and training needed, but Secretariat leadership and resources are crucial to getting the job done.

Thank you