

INTERVENTION ON EFFECTIVENESS EVALUATION

Thank you Chair,

I am speaking on behalf of the Zero Mercury Working Group, an international coalition of over 110 public interest NGOs from more than 55 countries.

As it is our first time talking, we would like to thank the Government of Indonesia as well as UN Environment, the Bureau and the Secretariat for all their work in preparation for this meeting;

The Zero Mercury Working Group would like to express appreciation to the Governments of Canada and Norway for leading an intersessional dialogue to further advance mutual understanding around the issues of effectiveness evaluation, and express gratitude to all parties who participated and contributed to the discussions. Further, we commend these Parties on producing a very helpful Conference Room Paper, which builds on the significant work done to date and sets forth a clear proposal for the effectiveness evaluation framework. The proposed framework provides mechanisms to take advantage of relevant information and expertise and offers ample opportunities for ensuring oversight by the Conference of the Parties at all critical steps in the process. We support using the CRP as the basis for negotiation at the second part of COP4, and we are looking forward to participating actively in the intersessional process before COP4.2