



**Statement on Reporting of Zero Mercury Working Group (ZMWG)
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Thank you Madame Chairperson.

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 this is the first time we take the floor, 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; and congratulate all governments that have ratified the Convention this last year.

We have three brief observations to make regarding reporting.

First, based upon the first short report, it is clear that certain clarifications in the reporting form are needed to ensure the information obtained is both useful and consistently provided by all Parties.

Second, since virtually no information was provided on mercury trading during the previous short form reporting cycle, we are concerned that Parties are not implementing the Article 3 trade consent procedures. Further work is needed both to understand the extent of compliance and to promote improvements.

Lastly, more generally, as the effective evaluation process unfolds and the indicator parameters are finalized, there will need to be a process for harmonizing the long reporting form with the information needed for the effectiveness evaluation. In planning for COP 5 and thereafter, this process should be taken into account as programs for work covering post-COP 5 activities are formulated.

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