



Statement of Zero Mercury Working Group (ZMWG) on Effectiveness Evaluation Minamata COP 4.2 – 21st March 2021, Bali, Indonesia

Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Since COP1, significant work on effectiveness evaluation has produced robust proposal for the key elements of the evaluation framework. **We urge the COP to come to rapid agreement on the proposed framework so that work on the first EE can begin within the timeframe established by the Convention.** Norway and Canada have submitted a CRP for consideration, to facilitate this discussion and final decision regarding the framework (UNEP/MC/COP.4/CRP.1). **We support using the CRP as the basis for negotiation at this COP.**

During its deliberations, we further urge the COP to adopt a framework that:

- Is transparent in its use of data, methods and results
- Uses the full range of relevant information, and not be limited to Party submissions only.
- Considers how **all** parts of the Convention may contribute to its effectiveness including indicators of both mandatory and voluntary measures.
- Include a scientifically defensible mechanism(s) to attribute changes in mercury exposures to Convention measures.
- Allows for ongoing participation by civil society in the EE process, as observers

Finally, given the gaps that have been identified in data needed to support EE, especially in the global South, the COP should support the development of additional data needed.