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Thank you, Mr. President,

I am Eva Kruemmel from the Inuit Circumpolar Council, speaking on behalf of the Zero Mercury Working Group.

We welcome the draft decision as per document MC/COP.6/16. However, as an observer and active participant in the OESG and EEG, the ZMWG notes the missing framework, funding and capacity, and limited availability of data and information to properly assess the effectiveness of the Convention. Critical information is still missing, including emission inventories. This challenge has been highlighted in the OESG, where in several areas reliance on regional case studies has been necessary. While case studies are useful, they are not an ideal substitute to address data gaps, which also impacts the accuracy of models.

Furthermore, the absence of a standardized format for data submission across Parties creates difficulties in analysis, and some countries continue to face capacity constraints.

We recommend that the Secretariat works closely with Parties and supports experts, including Indigenous Peoples, to harmonize data collection methodologies and processes that also support Indigenous-led monitoring. As such, we are happy to see the CRP1 expanding the decision to include the participation of Indigenous Peoples and additions on mercury monitoring.

For regions where data are missing, collaboration needs to be strengthened with regions that have already developed methodologies, including Indigenous co-led monitoring programs and activities (e.g. the Canadian Northern Contaminants Program). This will ensure the availability of information but also contribute to the technology transfer among Parties.

Thank you.