

## **Zero Mercury Working Group Intervention – Article 10**

Thank you Mr. Chair.

Article 10 presents an opportunity to tackle the largest contributors to the global mercury pollution.

And in fact we believe the strength of this article will be a critical basis upon which the success of this entire treaty will be judged.

We note that the first four sources listed in Annex F *alone* emitted more than 830 tons of mercury to the atmosphere in 2005.

The key question facing the INC is whether these emissions can continue indefinitely, or will they be significantly reduced through binding controls on both new and existing facilities.

In our view, an effective, successful treaty **must** subject **both** new and existing facilities to mandatory emission control obligations as soon as possible.

Requiring mandatory controls only for new facilities, while failing to require such controls for existing sources, is simply not acceptable, as it would potentially allow these older facilities to continue polluting at current levels for decades to come.

Some of these existing facilities may operate for 50 years or more.

We also support the inclusion of the additional air sources listed in Annex F in bracketed text, except for ASGM which should be addressed under Article 9.

Thank you Mr Chair