

Article 13 - Waste

The focus of our intervention is on the issue of transboundary movement of waste.

ZMWG strongly urges countries to prohibit the exports of mercury wastes from developed to developing countries thus we support alternative 1 text, paragraph (1)(c). Hazardous waste exports often takes place to exploit weaker economies and represents cost externalizations that prevent the true solutions to toxic waste generation – green design, clean production, among others.

These type of exports also disproportionately burdens the world's poorest communities, especially, workers, women, and children with severe toxic impacts and is therefore an affront to basic principles of human rights and environmental justice.

We also would wish to highlight the need to guard against the dumping of obsolete technologies, those that rely on or use mercury, from developed to developing nations. And urge countries to install the necessary prohibitions in appropriate articles under the treaty.

Thank you very much.