

IPEN intervention of Article 12 &13: Storage & Waste/ **UNEP**(DTIE)/Hg/INC.5/3

Thank you Mr. Chair, IPEN believe the treaty should definitely produce its own guidelines that should be deal with mercury storage and waste.

We believe article 12 need to be a concrete definition of interim storage and final disposal that lead to be an environmentally sound storage guideline, so COP should adopt a guidance document. A provision of the capacity building and technology transfer should be state for environmentally sound storage.

Mr. Chair, Article 12, paragraph 2 should have state to a link with the Article 3 of section C of paragraph 5. a)

The treaty guidelines should retain a listing of appropriate techniques to treat mercury-containing wastes and define performance levels for these techniques in BAT/BEP guidelines; Limit values should be defined including a health-protective value that defines waste as hazardous; Additional provisions should include requirements to minimize and prevent the generation of mercury-containing wastes; and application of the polluter pays principle; Current text does not insure the receiving country has the capacity to deal with mercury waste;

Mr. Chair, waste transfer from developed to developing countries should be prohibited and transfer between other countries should only occur with the consent of the importing country to ensure sufficient capacity exists to handle the mercury wastes and prevent waste dumping and subsequent harm to human health and the environment; and the transfer to non-Parties of Basel should not be permitted.

Thank you Mr. Chair,

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