

## IPEN INTERVENTION

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Thank you Chair

The experience of the Stockholm Convention has taught us the value of National Implementation Plans. For many countries, preparing their NIPs was essential for national ratification.

Importantly, the Element Paper currently proposes that the preparation of National Implementation Plans (NIPs) would be voluntary and as we have highlighted previously if this is approved, NIP preparation may not be considered a compliance activity and may not be automatically eligible for financial support.

The preparation of NIPs can provide valuable national information on a range of important factors, for example, use of mercury products. NIPs can help establish comprehensive understanding of national sources of mercury releases and emissions, and consolidate information on contaminated sites, on waste volumes and waste streams. Most importantly, NIPs provide opportunities for meaningful engagement with all stakeholders in Convention ratification and implementation.