



IPEN Intervention on International Cooperation

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Thank you, Mr. President.

IPEN welcomes the works of WHO and ILO in various international cooperation projects to address several important provisions of the Minamata Convention. The support from UN agencies through international cooperation helps to guide parties to improve their national regulations and policy frameworks to implement the convention effectively.

We are hoping that more international cooperation and capacity building and projects related to health issues and contaminated sites will be conducted after COP3.

In the last six years we have seen a significant decrease of mercury trade globally due to strict trade regulations implemented in the US and the EU countries. However, some cases of illegal mercury traded and smuggled between countries are still happening.

A newly published report by UNEP and GRID Arendal on Illegal Trade of Chemicals recognised that illegal trade in mercury is a trade that violates existing laws on the import, marketing or use of mercury in many countries.

Strengthening the international cooperation and enforcement at the national level are needed to the end illegal mercury trade so further contamination can be prevented.

IPEN envisions Toxics-Free SDGs, we support the recommendation submitted as CRP6 to establish the coordination with the Sustainable Development Goals secretariat.

Thank you, Mr. President.