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Open Burning Intervention for Mercury Treaty COP1

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Speaking for the World Federation of Public Health Associations and its Partner, Health Care Without Harm, welcome back to the Chair and appreciation to the Swiss for their hospitality as this is our first intervention.

To be very brief, we have been working on practical solutions to replace burning and specifically open burning of medical waste for over 20 years, and wish to support the interventions of those countries reporting this is an important area for the secretariat's attention. It is complex as it is one of technology, consciousness, support for new practices, and often the need to change laws. We urge continued attention by the Minamata processes.