



a toxics-free future

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Reporting (Article 21) Intervention by IPEN for INC7

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Thank you Mr. Chair

I am speaking on the behalf of IPEN.

With regard to reporting, the removal of brackets in the draft reporting format would be consistent with providing information under the Minamata Convention.

We are pleased to note that Part B of the GEF Guidance document 7/8 lists reporting as an activity which may be funded by the GEF, as part of implementation of the Minamata Convention. We believe this support would result in higher rates of reporting.

With regard to reporting cycles, we believe that aligning with the 3-year cycle for ASGM would simplify matters by having a single delivery date, which would encourage greater compliance with reporting obligations by developing and transitional countries.

Another key issue in reporting is provision of information on the import and export of mercury. We assert that by-product mercury should be monitored and regulated through disclosure in reporting documents. For instance, there are currently no procedures to control mercury by-product trade from operations in the oil & gas sector and contaminated site remediation. Such mercury should be disclosed on notification documents.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.