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Minamata Convention on Mercury COP-1

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- Minamata Convention was adopted in 2013 and entered into force in August, 2017
- COP-1 meeting took place in September 24-29, 2017, Geneva
- The Minamata Convention and its implementation are of great importance for the Arctic region:
 - Preamble text recognizes the vulnerabilities of Arctic ecosystems and indigenous communities because of the mercury contamination

Thematic Session: Air - Mercury emissions and transboundary movement

Arctic presentation by **Alexandra Steffen**, Environment Canada and Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Programme

- Importance of measurement and monitoring to assess the effectiveness of the Convention



Thematic Session: Water - Aquatic environments, livelihoods and food

Arctic presentation by **Eva Kruemmel**, Inuit Circumpolar Council

- Inuit peoples are particularly exposed to mercury because of their diet
- importance of working with people and communities



High-Level Segment Finland's statement

- Attention to mercury pollution in the Arctic region due to long-range transport
- Mercury continues to present a risk to Arctic human populations and wildlife.
- Finland is committed to continue the on-going work of the Arctic Council on monitoring and reducing the mercury emissions
- Arctic contribution to the ongoing Global Mercury Assessment

Kimmo Tiilikainen, Minister of the Environment, Energy and Housing



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Thank you!

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