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Press Release

## **LightingEurope Welcomes Minamata Progress**

LightingEurope is pleased to have participated in the recent Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Minamata Convention on Mercury in Japan from 9 to 11 October. LightingEurope congratulates all 92 countries who have signed the Convention to date.

The Minamata Convention on Mercury sets globally binding maximum limits for certain lamp types. LightingEurope believes that the limits for lighting are a good start to reducing mercury emission and towards a global harmonisation of mercury limits. However, affordable, globally available mercury dosing technologies allow governments to have even greater environmental ambition. Therefore, LightingEurope encourages governments to adopt our “Advanced option” proposal: adopt lower limits, for more lamp types, and earlier implementation.

LightingEurope is an industry association representing 31 leading European lighting manufacturers, national lighting associations, and companies producing materials. LightingEurope members employ over 100,000 people in Europe and represent an annual turnover estimated to exceed 20 billion euros. LightingEurope is dedicated to promoting efficient lighting practices for the benefit of the global environment, human comfort, and the health and safety of consumers.

For more information, please read our position paper:

[http://www.lightingeurope.org/uploads/files/LE\\_PP\\_Global\\_Mercury\\_limit\\_20131002\\_final.pdf](http://www.lightingeurope.org/uploads/files/LE_PP_Global_Mercury_limit_20131002_final.pdf)

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