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CoMeD Calls for Ban on Mercury in Vaccines

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Chiba, Japan: Today, the Coalition for Mercury-Free Drugs (CoMeD)'s team (Rev Lisa Sykes, Dr. Mark Geier, David Geier, and Anne Geier), which is in attendance at the second session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to prepare a global legally binding instrument on Mercury (INC2), Chiba, Japan, was invited to address the more than 30 member nations of the African delegate group. Dr. Mark Geier of the Coalition for Mercury-Free Drugs (CoMeD) presented the following testimony:

> "It is my honor to speak to you who are delegates and leaders from many nations in Africa. I am Dr. Mark Geier, from the Coalition for Mercury-free Drugs. I hold both an MD and a PhD. My specialties include genetics and epidemiology. As an American physician, I treat 1500 patients who suffer from neurodevelopmental disorders, the result of mercury-containing vaccines. (Rev. Sykes' son is one of my patients.) Thimerosal, half mercury by weight, is a form of organic mercury, which has been used in vaccines since the 1930's. Thimerosal, used as a preservative, is favored by the pharmaceutical industry because it is cheap and enables the industry to keep making vaccines in old and dirty factories. Sadly, Thimerosal also causes developmental problems, mental retardation and autism in mercury-sensitive children. Boys are more susceptible to mercury poisoning than girls, because testosterone amplifies the toxicity of this poison. Now, I know you've been told there's just a little bit of mercury in the vaccines. The issue is not the amount of mercury as much as its toxicity. What you were not told is that for "this tiny amount" of mercury in one dose of vaccine to be safe, you would have to weigh 250 kg or 550 pounds, according to the US EPA. Yet, your infants may get not just one, but several doses of vaccine with Thimerosal, on a single doctor's visit. If one speck of Thimerosal can poison an entire lake, then mere micrograms in even one dose of vaccine can derail the neurological development of an unborn or newborn child. As a doctor, I am very concerned that if mercury is not removed from all vaccines, people are going to refuse vaccines for fear of mercury, thus needlessly exposing children to preventable infectious disease. Furthermore, in the developed world, using Thimerosal even on your skin has been illegal for years. It defies logic that Thimerosal, which is illegal to put on your skin because it is so toxic, should still be permitted to be injected as part of a vaccine! The US Public Health Service called for the urgent removal of Thimerosal from vaccines in 1999. While millions of doses of vaccine still contain full-dose Thimerosal, finally many vaccines are now available in mercury-free or mercury-reduced formulations in the United States. Children around the world, no matter their place of birth or their income level, deserve safe vaccines. The practice of providing mercury-reduced and mercury-free vaccines to developed countries while insisting that developing nations take mercury-containing ones is wrong. I want your children to have safe vaccines just like I want all children to have safe vaccines. Mercury is an insidious poison, and the last place on earth it should be is in a shot intended for a child or pregnant woman"
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> Respectfully Submitted,
> Dr. Mark Geier, CoMeD, Inc.

Members of the African delegate group seemed to be deeply concerned regarding the continued use of Thimerosal in vaccines, and many good contacts were made.

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Sincerely,

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