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WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION FAILS IN ITS EFFORT TO DEFEND MERCURY IN VACCINES BEFORE UNITED NATIONS *Bows to Pressure from CoMeD*

PUNTA del ESTE, URUGUAY (July 12, 2012) — Bowing to pressure from the [Coalition for Mercury-free Drugs](#) (CoMeD, Inc.) and other organizations concerned about the detrimental effects of mercury in vaccines, the World Health Organization (WHO) revealed its [2004 guidelines on eliminating, reducing, and replacing Thimerosal in vaccines](#) to public health officials worldwide.

WHO made its disclosure before the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) where it met unprecedented resistance to its defense of the use of [neurotoxic mercury](#) in vaccines given to pregnant women and newborn children. “This is a huge development,” says CoMeD Vice President, David Geier, while speaking at UNEP’s 4th Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee meeting (INC4).

INC4 met June 27-July 2 in Punta del Este, Uruguay, to negotiate a global treaty on mercury. CoMeD and other nongovernmental organizations who participated strongly opposed the use of mercury in human medicines. More importantly, entire continents and many individual nations expressed their desire for mercury-free vaccines.

According to Geier, CoMeD “has put intense pressure on the World Health Organization because we have assisted states and even nations to ban Thimerosal”. One of those nations, Chile, became the first developing country to stop the use of mercury in vaccines in 2012.

Cristina Girardi, a member of the [Chamber of Deputies of Chile](#), addressed the opening session of INC4 gathering in Uruguay. [While speaking](#), she warned, “... to keep the mercury in vaccines is to endanger the vaccine program in a misguided effort to protect a known neurotoxin”.

Rev. Lisa K. Sykes, President of CoMeD, brought the danger vaccine mercury represents to an historic level of understanding. [Rev. Sykes counseled](#), “The de facto, economic prioritization of mercury-free vaccines for wealthy nations ... constitutes a double standard in vaccine safety. This disparity must be corrected rapidly but responsibly, and preference in production must shift to mercury-free vaccines globally, if we hope to avoid accusations of discrimination based on economics or nationality in regard to global immunization policy”.

Sykes also cited the support of the global [United Methodist Church](#), representing 11.5 million, and the US [National Health Freedom Coalition](#), representing 20 million. Both these groups support a ban on the use of mercury in vaccines and uphold the right of informed consent for all persons.

The objective of this treaty on mercury is to “to protect human health and the global environment from the release of mercury and its compounds by minimizing and, where feasible, ultimately eliminating global, anthropogenic mercury releases to air, water and land”.

CoMeD, founded by Dr. Paul G. King, Rev. Lisa K. Sykes, David A. Geier and his father, Dr. Mark R. Geier, is dedicated to reducing the mercury-exposure risks for all from before birth onward.

For additional information about the Coalition for Mercury-free Drugs and its worldwide work to ban mercury from drugs, including vaccines, visit www.Mercury-freeDrugs.org.