

**SUBMISSION BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, SWITZERLAND, AUSTRALIA,  
AND NORWAY**

**SCOPE**

No section on this issue is needed in the text, for the following reasons:

- The scope of the instrument is already clearly laid out in UNEA 5/14.
- Within the instrument itself, the scope will be reflected in the instrument's substantive provisions.
- The Minamata Convention and other more recent MEAs have not included a scope article, and this has not prevented their effective functioning.