**Clean Lighting Coalition Pledge**

**The** [**C**lean **Li**ghting **C**oalition](https://cleanlightingcoalition.org/) (CLiC) is a global coalition of stakeholders working to accelerate the global transition to clean, affordable, super-efficient LED lighting and end the use of toxic, mercury-based lighting.

The time to act and protect consumers and the environment is **NOW.**

**Background**

Over the past five years, advances in LED technology have facilitated significant gains in lighting quality, durability and efficiency. Today, LED light bulbs are available in markets all over the world, offering people, businesses and national governments significant cost savings. However, a global transition to clean LED lighting has been delayed.

The United Nations’ [Minamata Convention on Mercury](https://www.mercuryconvention.org/) is working to limit and eventually phase out mercury use in a number of products and processes. However, it still has exemptions for mercury-containing fluorescent lighting. Certain national governments are considering proposing ending these exemptions. **Mercury and its compounds are highly toxic** to humans – particularly developing children and pregnant women – and are a significant threat to environmental and ecosystem health. Majority of fluorescent light bulbs are discarded into general waste streams where they go on to contaminate landfills, soil, streams, rivers, and ultimately the oceans with mercury. **Typically, less than 10% of mercury in fluorescents is recovered.**

Clean Lighting Coalition pledge*:*

As CLiC partners, we commit to supporting the global transition to clean and efficient lighting, protecting people and the planet from toxic mercury.

We commit our organization to advocate and support the phase-out of the manufacture, sale, distribution, and/or installation of fluorescent lighting, in line with what has been [proposed](https://www.mercuryconvention.org/Portals/11/documents/News/ES_Africa_Amendment_Proposal_April_2021.pdf) under the United Nations’ [Minamata Convention on Mercury](https://www.mercuryconvention.org/). We also commit to share accurate, compelling and accessible information on the clean lighting transition through our communications platforms.

We reaffirm that a global transition to clean lighting must be equitable. As wealthy countries lead the lighting transition, the rest of the world must not be treated as a dumping ground for toxic, outdated products like fluorescent bulbs. Consumers in under-served markets must also have access to high-quality, zero-mercury LED lighting.

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