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Toxics Link Intervention on exemption on recycling

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Thank you, Mr. President

Toxics Link is a public interest NGO from India and a participating organization of IPEN. We strongly support a non-toxic circular economy. This approach deals with the constraints on resources and is a natural contribution to Agenda 2030.

POPRC decision 6/2 clearly points out the need to eliminate brominated diphenyl ethers from the recycling stream as swiftly as possible. We need to listen to our own expert committee.

Recycling materials containing POPs undermines the goal of the Stockholm Convention to protect human health and the environment. We found OctaBDE in 90% of the products we sampled. The Stockholm Convention should not be seen as the treaty that poisons children's products.

Our children are our future. We urge delegates to stop this exemption at this meeting for a better future and a toxics free world.

Thank You Mr. President.