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International POPs Elimination Project

*Fostering Active and Efficient Civil Society Participation in
Preparation for Implementation of the Stockholm Convention*

Global Day of Action on POPs in Armenia

Armenian Women for Health and Healthy Environment

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About the International POPs Elimination Project

On May 1, 2004, the International POPs Elimination Network (IPEN <http://www.ipen.org>) began a global NGO project called the International POPs Elimination Project (IPEP) in partnership with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP). The Global Environment Facility (GEF) provided core funding for the project.

IPEP has three principal objectives:

- Encourage and enable NGOs in 40 developing and transitional countries to engage in activities that provide concrete and immediate contributions to country efforts in preparing for the implementation of the Stockholm Convention;
- Enhance the skills and knowledge of NGOs to help build their capacity as effective stakeholders in the Convention implementation process;
- Help establish regional and national NGO coordination and capacity in all regions of the world in support of longer term efforts to achieve chemical safety.

IPEP will support preparation of reports on country situation, hotspots, policy briefs, and regional activities. Three principal types of activities will be supported by IPEP: participation in the National Implementation Plan, training and awareness workshops, and public information and awareness campaigns.

For more information, please see <http://www.ipen.org>

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For the Global Day of Actions against POPs, "Armenian Women for Health and Healthy Environment" NGO designed a poster on POPs health hazards and lobbied at different levels to prevent construction of a waste incinerator in Armenia. Specialists of the NGO participated in different events, dealing with the incinerator construction issues, namely: 2 discussions on project "Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Master Plan of Urban Development of Yerevan" (April - May 2005), and meetings of the Consultative Council on Solid Municipal Waste Management under the Ministry of Urban Development of Armenia. Information materials on health and environmental hazards of waste incinerators were developed and disseminated. For additional information, please contact Elena Manvelyan, "Armenian Women for Health and Healthy Environment", elena@awhhe.am