

Mr. President, on behalf of IPEN, a network of more than 700 organisations, I would like to thank you, the SAICM Secretariat and all delegates and participants of the OEWG for all your work during these three days. In our statements at this meeting IPEN highlighted that the 2020 goal is an output goal – It says that we will minimize adverse effects on human health and the environment. If we achieve this goal, then something very important will change in the world. As we are approaching the ICCM4, IPEN hopes to see a political will to pick up the pace towards 2020 and beyond. We recognize a big step forward at the OEWG2 for the work on pesticides which guarantees that HHPs will be on the agenda at ICCM4 in September 2015, with a concrete proposal for taking the work forward. We look forward to a Global Alliance for the Phase-Out of HHPs.

In addition, we welcome active participation of the Endocrine Society in the work on endocrine disrupting chemicals, which are now part of SAICM emerging policy issues. Improving the availability of and access to information on EDCs is recognized as a priority issue, along with providing support to activities in monitoring studies, identifying gaps in existing regulatory policies, and highlighting best available practices for the substitution of EDCs.

We acknowledge the discussion over financing and its implications within the OOG – especially since so far, the funding for SAICM has been for enabling activities and not for implementation. As we assess the pace of the work achieved during these three days, we retain our hope and commitment for the future of SAICM, but we need to pick-up the pace, and look beyond 2020. We call upon other stakeholders, especially the governments and the industries, to accelerate protective actions and overcome all obstacles to reach our shared goal of a toxic-free future.