



IPEN Intervention on Highly Hazardous Pesticides (HHPs)

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Thank you Mr. President.

IPEN would like to thank FAO for their intervention and non-paper on this topic for this meeting. The severe harm caused by HHPs on the ground illustrates just how ineffective the risk-based approach described by the previous speaker has actually been. IPEN strongly supports the African region's country driven invitation to prepare action on a Global Alliance to Phase-out HHPs. We also want to support the polluter pays proposal made by the African region so that the pesticide industry can finally begin to internalize its significant costs. Pesticides represent the largest chemical exposure in many developing countries and we hope that this critical issue can finally be dealt with effectively under SAICM to close this wide gap.

Thank you Mr. President.