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PAN Uruguay and IPEN Intervention on Indicators

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Thank you co-chair-

On behalf of PAN Uruguay, member of PAN International, and IPEN-

We believe that SAICM can contribute to Goal 2: End hunger, achieve food security, improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture, if we implement fully the recommendation of ICCM4 on Highly Hazardous Pesticides to phase out HHPs and replace them by agroecology.

We need specific, measurable, quantitative and qualitative milestones for these. Having specific milestones to monitor policies and implement practices to promote agroecological production to improve the resilience to climate change would be useful. For example:

Phase out the manufacture, import, sale and use of 20 highly hazardous pesticides in 50 countries by 2025; and 150 countries by

2030.

And:

Adopt policies and instruments in 75 countries by 2025 that implement agroecological strategies and practices.

Implementing the SAICM recommendation to phase out HHPs and replace them by agroecology also is necessary to meet Goal 3. It is important that SAICM initiate a hazard surveillance program to identify agricultural settings where there are particular pesticide exposures causing health problems in workers, and update pesticide poisoning data in all regions with the goal of reducing pesticide poisonings. An example of a milestone here might be: ***Achieve 80% reduction in pesticide poisonings globally by 2030.***

I would also like to bring your attention to the IPEN/PAN reference document that outlines in detail how SAICM can contribute to the Agenda 2030 with program initiatives with measurable objectives relating to the phasing out of HHPs and their replacement with agroecology.

Finally, we invite the SAICM secretariat to engage with industry and farming sector organizations that can work with SAICM stakeholders to deliver agroecological alternatives to HHPs. PAN offers to facilitate this process with the secretariat.

Thank you for your attention.