

## **IPEN INTERVENTION ON SAICM BEYOND 2020 ON “OBJECTIVES AND MILESTONES”**

*Mr Chair,*

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Mr Chairman, as the deadline for the realization of chemical safety (SAICM) by the year 2020 approaches, IPEN notes that the African region suffers the most from a weak SAICM and therefore needs to support strengthening of the post 2020 SAICM framework for the genuine achievement of sound chemicals management. As a result, the objectives and milestones of the SAICM beyond 2020, require that SAICM stakeholders should work to promote the achievement of the genuine sound management of chemicals in the post 2020 SAICM framework.

Against the background that the ICCM4 resolution requires the Beyond 2020 process to, *“develop recommendations regarding measurable objectives in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.”* Considering that chemical safety can make contributions to achieving SDGs. Objectives in support of Agenda 2030 should be clearly measurable, with adequate quantitative and qualitative indicators that facilitate a running assessment of successes and challenges.

IPEN supports that 5 new initiatives should be combined with current emerging policy issues/issues of concern to make 12 initiatives that contribute measurable objectives in support of Agenda 2030: lead in paint, highly hazardous pesticides, chemicals in products, hazardous substances in electronics, endocrine disrupting chemicals, nanomaterials and nanotechnologies, environmentally persistent pharmaceutical products, zero waste, workplace right to know, agroecology, plastics, and women and chemical safety. For example, measurable goals that support Agenda 2030 are:

- By 2027, phase out lead in paint, varnishes etc. in all countries (SDG3, 16)
- By 2025, phase out the production and use of 20 highly hazardous pesticides in 50 countries (SDG2, 3, 8)
- By 2025, public data on 50 chemicals of concern in consumer products in 75 countries (SDG3, 8, 16)

Thank you

Mr Chairman