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Toxics Link Intervention on Emerging Policy Issues

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Thank you Madam Chair.

I am from Toxics Link, an environmental NGO from India also acting as the South Asian Hub for IPEN.

From the South Asian perspective lead phase-out of paints is the most remarkable achievement, as well as India has taken significant steps in regulating the BPA, a potential EDC, in baby bottles. I believe SAICM was a key driver in addressing these emerging issues.

However, there are emerging policy issues critical for the Global South and need to be looked into considering the possible impact on human health and environment. Hence the time between now and 2020 is not sufficient to achieve the desirable results in the emerging policy issues considering the limited safety information, data gaps and preparedness in the Global South. And, most importantly, the Global South is emerging market of the consumer products, and there is a need of the sound management system in place at the upstream and downstream level. These can include more science-based data creation, transparency by the industries, better labeling, and information exchange between north and south

Therefore I strongly believe the role of SAICM, there is a need to continue to work on these issues beyond 2020 for a better world.

Thank you very much.