

IPEN closing statement
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Thank you, Madam President,

IPEN, a global civil society network committed to a toxics-free future, thanks the SAICM Secretariat and all delegates and participants of the ICCM3 for all your hard work during these five days.

In our opening statement IPEN expressed hope for ICCM3 to get SAICM back on track to achieve the 2020 goal. We hoped to see a political will and leadership here in Kenya, and to pick up the pace towards 2020.

After a slow start we applaud the resolution on Lead in Paint as we can work together to develop strategies that will help to avoid exposure to this hazardous chemical worldwide. This resolution is a meaningful document that countries can take back home and use as a guidance for further actions on the national level.

We recognize the achievements to complete a resolution on hazardous chemicals within the life cycle of electrical and electronic products. This document contains many important proposals such as extended producer responsibility policies. On behalf of consumers, workers and impacted sectors globally we would like to thank you for a consolidated approval of this resolution.

We acknowledge the resolution on chemicals in products and believe that a broad international consumer awareness would greatly increase understanding and create a driving force for safer products.

In addition, endocrine disrupting chemicals are now part of SAICM emerging policy issues, which is important as it highlights the need to take precautionary actions now.

The decision of the ICCM3 to include activities on nanomaterials into SAICM GPA demonstrates an international desire to allow all countries to implement cooperative actions for safe management of nanomaterials in cooperation with all stakeholders.

While no specific decision was reached on the issue of highly hazardous pesticides, we laud the overwhelming support by 25 countries to the resolution put forward by Kenya. The message is clear: a progressive ban on highly hazardous pesticides is essential and has to be addressed in the intersessional period as was stated by several countries.

IPEN stands ready to actively participate in this work.

As we assess the pace of the work achieved this week, 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 all stakeholders, and especially the governments and the industries, to accelerate protective actions towards reducing exposure to hazardous chemicals and overcome all obstacles to reach our shared 2020 goal. We look forward to continue working with all of you to achieve a safe and healthy common future.

Asante Sana, Madam President