

## **IPEN/HEAL Intervention on Health Strategy- given by Gohar Khojayan, Armenian Women for Health and Healthy Environment**

Thank you Mr. President.

I represent the Armenian Women for Health and Healthy Environment, NGO SAICM Focal Point in Armenia and a member of the Health and Environment Alliance (HEAL), and IPEN.

As a contribution to enhance implementation of the health strategy on SAICM, Health and Environment Alliance (HEAL) would like to propose a case study in one country of the CEE region linking health surveillance and environmental and bio-monitoring activities. This region has significant amounts of obsolete pesticide stockpiles which pose a serious risk to human health and the environment. The proposed study will link hotspots with the health status of people living in the vicinity of hotspots and help to analyse the impact of a certain hotspot on people's health, prepare recommendations to all stakeholders involved and start an awareness-raising campaign with the aim to reduce negative health effects on the communities with the focus on the most vulnerable groups, particularly children and women. Parallel to this, a desk study based on project results from different countries will be conducted to identify problems and obstacles and make recommendations on future actions.

Thank you for consideration.