

IPEN Intervention on Nanotechnology- given by David Azoulay, IPEN Nano Working Group / Center for International Environmental Law, Switzerland

Distinguished delegates, my name is David Azoulay from the Center for International Environmental Law, an IPEN participating organization, and I speak on behalf of IPEN.

As an active participant in all of the regional workshops organized since ICCM2, we actively participated in the improvement of the Swiss proposal including with the proposal to include activities to increase the involvement of the health sector in identifying, treating and tracking disease potentially caused by exposure to nanomaterials in occupational settings as well as activities to promote the use of extended producer responsibility in relation to manufactured nanomaterials.

We would like to thank Switzerland for this initiative and for the attention brought to incorporating the comments and proposals put forward by regional meetings. We therefore recommend that ICCM3 adopt the Swiss proposal to include a specific work area in the GPA with associated activities in relation to manufactured nanomaterials.

We understand that emerging issues and inclusion into the GPA will be discussed in details in a contact group and reserve our comments on specific activities for this discussion.