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Civil Society and Indigenous Peoples Organizations' Appeal to SAICM Stakeholders to support the phase-out of Highly Hazardous Pesticides and the Global Alliance on HHPs

Dear SAICM Focal Points and Members of the Bureau for the Fifth International Conference on Chemical Management:

Each day, Highly Hazardous Pesticides (HHPs) are systematically released across vast areas of the Earth. While all pesticides can be dangerous, HHPs are a special group of pesticides that are too hazardous for use. HHPs make up a relatively small share of all registered pesticides. Yet, they cause the most severe harm to human health and the environment.

The International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM) and the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) play a crucial role in eliminating harms caused by HHPs. Other international policy forums and frameworks, including multilateral agreements on climate change and biodiversity loss, have made significant targeted political commitments on major crises that pose existential threats to humanity and the planet. However, HHPs have remained largely unaddressed.

For the past 17 years, actions on HHPs have been slow and piecemeal. Further delay and inaction is no longer an option.

We, the undersigned organizations, call on the ICCM 5 to implement ambitious targets and corresponding delivery mechanisms and activities to phase-out HHPs. We call on all SAICM stakeholders to:

- Include in the new SAICM Beyond2020 framework a global target to phase-out Highly Hazardous Pesticides in agriculture by 2030;
- Include a target for all countries to prohibit the export of substances that they have prohibited nationally, many of which will be HHPs;
- Include a target for all countries to implement policies and programs to support safer and more sustainable non-chemical alternatives to HHPs, especially agroecology; and
- Support the proposal of African governments to establish a Global Alliance on Highly Hazardous Pesticides working to phase-out HHPs.

Governments, policymakers, and other stakeholders must now act with ambition and urgency to phase-out HHPs as the only way to decisively address their monumental harms.

If the Sustainable Development Goals are to be achieved, ecological collapse is to be averted, and human rights are to be upheld — including the right to food and the right of future generations to a clean and healthy environment — everyone must work together towards eliminating the world’s most dangerous pesticides, and phasing-in and scaling up safer agroecological alternatives.

Signed,
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 Chair, PAN International
 Director, PAN Africa

On behalf of the undersigned 373 civil society and Indigenous Peoples organizations from 74 countries:

International and Regional organizations

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 ALIANZA GLOBAL CONVIDA20 - Comisión Crisis Climática y Cuidado de la Casa Común
 Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa (AFSA)
 Asian Peasant Coalition
 Association For Promotion Sustainable Development
 Association pour la Conservation et la Protection des Ecosystèmes des Lacs et l'Agriculture Durable
 BeeLife European Beekeeping Coordination
 Bio Vision Africa (BiVA)
 Carbone Guinée
 Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL)
 Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social
 Children's Environmental Health Foundation
 Coalition des Jeunes pour la Coopération Régionale (CJCOOP)
 Coalition pour la Protection du Patrimoine Génétique Africain (COPAGEN)
 Ecoropa
 Ekō
 European Network for Environmental Medicine
 European Network of Scientists for Social and Environmental Responsibility (ENSSER)
 European Water Movement
 FIAN International

FIMARC
foodwatch International
Grupo de Trabajo Agroecología Política CLACSO
Health Action International Asia Pacific
Health and Environment Alliance (HEAL)
Health and Environment Justice Support (HEJSupport)
IBFAN
ICW-CIF
INADES-Formation
International Society of Doctors for Environment (ISDE)
MAELA
Navdanya International
North American Climate, Conservation and Environment (NACCE)
Nous Sommes la Solution
Observatorio Latinoamericano de Conflictos Ambientales (OLCA)
Pacific Organic Ethical Trade Community
PELUM
People's Coalition on Food Sovereignty
Pesticide Action Network (PAN) Africa
Pesticide Action Network (PAN) Europe
Proyecto Gran Simio (GAP)
Rainforest Alliance
RECODEF
Red de Accion en Plaguicidas y Sus Alternativas de América Latina (RAPAL)
Redinnovac SC
Regeneration International
ReLANS
ReSCOPE Programme
Réseau National des Femmes Rurales du Sénégal (RNFRS)
Rural Women's Assembly
Salud Crítica
Social Assistance and Rehabilitation for the Physically VULnerable (SARPV)
SoDESH
Terre et Développement
Unidad de la Fuerza Indígena y Campesina
Universidad Autónoma de Coahuila

Argentina

Bios Argentina
Casa de la Música Lobos
Consciente Colectivo
Exaltación Salud (Grupo vecinal contra los agrotóxicos Exaltación de la Cruz)
Foro Ambiental Santiagueño
Instituto de Cultura Popular Asociación Civil (INCUPO)
Movimiento Agroecológico de Chaco
Red de Medicos de Pueblos Fumigados
Taller Ecologista
Casa de la cultura
Colectivo por la Agroecología y la Soberanía Alimentaria (COPLASA)
Red de Accion en plaguicidas y sus alternativas de américa Latina

Armenia

Armenian Women for Health and Healthy Environment (AWHHE)

Australia

Australian Food Sovereignty Alliance
Tasmanian Public and Environmental Health Network

Austria

DKA Austria (Dreikönigsaktion der Katholischen Jungschar)
GLOBAL 2000, Friends of the Earth Austria

Bangladesh

Bangladesh Resource Center for Indigenous Knowledge (BARCIK)
Environment and Social Development Organization (ESDO)
Labour Resource Center (LRC)
Participatory Research & Action Network (PRAAN)
SHISUK

Belgium

Broederlijk Delen
Humundi SOS-Faim
Corporate Europe Observatory
Viva Salud

Benin

La Grande Puissance de Dieu

Brasil

Agapan
Apisbio
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Centro Nordestino de Medicina Popular
FIAN Brasil
Fórum Mudanças Climáticas E Justiça Socioambiental (FMCJS)
Movimento Urbano de Agroecologia (MUDA)
Núcleo de Estudos em Cooperação (NECOOP)
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Inades-Formation Burkina
Association Jeunesse pour l'Environnement et le Développement Durable (AJEDD)
Terre à Vie

Burundi

ACECODA
Inades-Formation Burundi

Cameroon

CREPD
Family Health and Development Foundation (FAHEDEF)
Nanny Africa
Action des Femmes pour une Planète Bio

Action et Education Pour Tous (AEPT)
Action for Sustainable Development
Alternatives Durables pour le Développement (ADD)
Inades-Formation Cameroun
Réseau des OSC one Health du Cameroun (ROOHCAM) (National One Health Civil Society Organizations Network)

Canada

Centre for Health Science and Law
Earth Education League
Friends of the Earth Canada
Safe Food Matters Inc.
Saskatchewan Network for Alternatives to Pesticides
Toronto Non-GMO Coalition
Vigilance OGM

Chad

Association d'Appui aux Organisations Paysannes et aux Producteurs Agricoles
Cabinet d'Expertise Six Sigma
Inades-Formation Tchad
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Plate Provinciale de l'Agriculture Familiale Durable
Société Agro Sylvo Pastorale Koté Na Ma

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BioAudita Ltda.
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Organizacion Antroposofica Aurora
Proyecto Agroecológico PichiWeken
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Red de Desarrollo Sostenible

Costa Rica

Asociación Red de Coordinación en Biodiversidad

Croatia

Eco Hvar

Democratic Republic of the Congo

African Green Society (AFRIGRES)
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Association pour la Conservation et la Protection des Ecosystemes des Lacs et l'Agriculture Durable
Concertation Nationale des Organisations Paysannes et Producteurs Agricoles du Congo
Confédération Paysanne du Congo
Inades-Formation Congo
Appui aux Initiatives Communautaires de Conservation de l'Environnement et de Développement Durable
Solidarité pour la Protection des Droits de l'Enfant

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Asociación Sindical de Trabajadores bueno Agrícolas y Campesinos (ASTAC)
Centro de Documentación en Derechos Humanos "Segundo Montes Mozo S.J." (CSMM)
Fundación promDefensa de la Naturaleza y sus Derechos
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Rupal Ecuador (PAN Ecuador)

Estonia

Estonian Green Movement

Ethiopia

PELUM Ethiopia
Afar Pastoralist Development Association
Pesticide Action Nexus Association (PAN Ethiopia)

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Génération Futures
Institut Veblen pour les Réformes Économiques
Justice PESTICIDES
Les Amis de la Terre
Neo-Agri
Nous Voulons Des Coquelicots
Terre d'Abeilles
Union Nationale de l'Apiculture Française (UNAF)

Germany

Allergieverein in Europa e.V. - AVE
Association of Ethical Shareholders Germany
Bund für Umwelt und Naturschutz e.V.
Coordination gegen BAYER-Gefahren
Heinrich Böll Foundation
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Clean Air Action Group
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Association For Promotion Sustainable Development

Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies
Hamraah Foundation
Initiative for Health & Equity in Society
Maharashtra Association of Pesticide Poisoned Persons
National Alliance of Agriculture Allied Workers Union (NAAWU)
Nature-Positive Farming and Wholesome Foods Foundation (N+3F)
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Consumers Union of Japan

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The Arab Group for the Protection of Nature

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Centre for Environment Justice and Development
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Kenya Food Rights Alliance

Rural Initiative Development Programme (RIDEP)
Good Health Community Programmes

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Aalem for Orphan and Vulnerable Children , Inc.

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Community Action Against Plastic Waste (CAPWs)
Health of Mother Earth Foundation
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Sustainable Environment Development Initiative

Pakistan

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Pakistan Fisherfolk Forum

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GIE Ballal

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South Africa

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Biological Systems Consulting & Research
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Federation for a Sustainable Environment
Global Environmental Trust
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Bio Suisse
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United States of America

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Family Farm Defenders
Farm and Ranch Freedom Alliance
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