

HEAL Intervention on Highly Hazardous Pesticides (HHPs)

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Thank you Mr. President.

Given that Highly Hazardous Pesticides (HHPs) can bring severe harm and affects those most vulnerable, children and women, and that many HHP are also EDCs, as highlighted in the PAN & IPEN materials, we would like to offer the support of the Health and Environment to this proposal & recommendations from the African region, and supported already by many countries.

We also very much support the idea of the polluter pays principle, rather than the health systems or - even worse - the health of those communities and individuals using highly hazardous pesticides paying the unpaid health bill.

As a network working in the European region of 53 countries, HEAL brings together the voices and expertise of those representing health professionals, not-for-profit health insurers, doctors, nurses, cancer and asthma groups, citizens, women's groups, scientists and public health institutes, among others.

Finally, we strongly support the need to develop a proposal for a Global Alliance to Phase-out Highly Hazardous Pesticides.