

CREPD Intervention on a multi-stakeholder and multi-sectoral approach beyond 2020

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Thank you Mr. Co-Chair for giving me the floor.

I am speaking on behalf of CREPD, a non-profit organization based in Cameroon. CREPD is an IPEN Participating Organization and fully shares its Toxics-Free Future Vision.

I would like to congratulate you for your election as Co-Chairs of the Beyond 2020 Process, and further thanks the Government of Brazil for his hospitality.

For the past 5 years, my organization has been implementing SAICM in Cameroon through lead paint elimination activities, in close collaboration with government and industry. We are now very close to having a legally-binding national regulation on lead in paint in Cameroon.

From this experience, Mr. Co-Chair,

My organization is in the view that keeping the multi-stakeholder and multi-sectoral approach of SAICM beyond 2020 is so important, particularly for developing countries where human resources for chemicals safety is very limited. In some countries, including mine, the role of the NGO to raise the chemical safety in the national policy

agenda has been critical. YES the multi-stakeholder character of SAICM should be maintained and enhanced beyond 2020.