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IPEN Intervention on Regional Centres
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Thank you Mr. President.

IPEN is of the view that Regional Centres should meet the needs of countries and develop their work programme accordingly. The work programme should be approved by the countries they serve. Experiences and best practices should be shared among centres, including South-South cooperation. Regional Centres should increase the involvement of public interest NGOs and civil society in their work through direct participation in the design and implementation of projects and this criterion should be included in their evaluations and reporting.

Mr President, 6 of the 16 Stockholm Convention Regional and Sub-regional Centres (37.5%) showed poor performance scores; To be effective in assisting with Convention implementation, reasons for their poor performance should be identified and their operation improved to continue as Regional Centres.

Thank you for consideration of our views.