

IPEN Intervention on DDT

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Thank you Mr. President,

I'm representing AGENDA, an IPEN Participating Organization in Tanzania. IPEN supports the need for assessment of the continued need for DDT for disease vector control in accordance with the revised process for reporting on and evaluating DDT. IPEN also supports the role of the DDT Expert Group on the assessment and evaluation of the continued need for DDT. The Group's findings and recommendation to the COP to continue to support the activities and mandates of the Global Alliance on developing and deployment of alternatives to DDT, and leverage donor support for its implementation is an important process in providing reliable information to the Parties.

IPEN also welcomes with enthusiasm the situation analysis of the production and use of DDT that the global production of DDT in 2009 recorded a reduction of 43% in relation to 2007 production with producing countries making a good progress towards phasing out DDT, and countries which were formulating DDT switching to alternatives (UNEP/POPS/COP.5/5). On the other hand, report that vector resistance showed increased resistance of mosquito vectors to DDT and that people living in sprayed houses have shown to have high body burdens of DDT (UNEP/POPS/COP.5/INF/3) is of major concern and need to be taken with due weight.

IPEN therefore urges the COP to request the Secretariat to establish an independent monitoring and evaluation mechanism in countries using DDT to verify the report provided by the parties. Equally, invites financial support dedicated to expedite research and development of DDT alternatives especially non-chemical alternatives and urge inter-governmental organizations such as WHO to embark on research and evaluation of these alternatives including facilitation of the Regional Centers to provide backstopping to the Global Alliance.

IPEN requests the COP to critically review DDT Indoor Residue Spraying (IRS) if it is done in accordance to the WHO guidelines and initiate independent monitoring of the operations; and auditing of production facilities to assess occupational risk factors and contamination associated with production. For the increased vector resistance to DDT, IPEN calls for expedited integration of Integrated Vector Management (IVM) into the National Malaria Control Strategies.

Thank you Mr. President