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IPEN Intervention on the Quick Start Programme (QSP)

Thank you Mr President.

IPEN would like to thank the Secretariat for the report on the QSP evaluation. Many IPEN POs actively participated in projects funded by the QSP either as partners in projects submitted by governments or as implementing organisations in NGO driven projects.

The QSP proved to be an effective and inclusive funding mechanism that helped to provide important resources for the work at the national and regional level. Projects implemented under the QSP helped to elevate countries' capacity to strengthen their national infrastructure on chemicals and wastes. In many projects civil society groups played a crucial role in assisting governments in project implementation. I would like to highlight inclusive projects which helped to develop national strategies of the implementation of the Globally Harmonised System on Classification and Labeling of chemicals in many countries.

Several projects on this issue were implemented with broad participation of all SAICM stakeholders, which made a valuable breakthrough on this issue.

Unfortunately this successful programme will not be operating as we move from 2015 to 2020. This highlights the urgency of having a sustainable funding mechanism for SAICM implementation.

Thank you Mr. President.