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PAN Ethiopia Intervention on Agenda 2030

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Thank you, Mr. Co-Chair-

I speak on behalf of PAN-Ethiopia, a participating organization of IPEN. Taking note of the provision of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals with the renewed and enhanced opportunities for decisive collective actions on chemicals and waste through the Strategic Approach, we support the proposal to have the secretariat prepare a paper on links between sound chemicals management and achievement of the SDGs.

We also take note of the contribution of chemical safety to achieving SDGs 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17. In

line with this and in support of Agenda 2030, we also suggest the development of new initiatives on zero waste, workplace right to know, agroecology, plastics, and women and chemical safety. We note that all of these initiatives can be linked to many SDGs – especially women and chemical safety.

These and other SAICM initiatives should have clearly measurable objectives with adequate quantitative and qualitative indicators that facilitate a running assessment of successes and challenges. Taking zero waste as an example;

- i) By 2025, all major cities containing more than 1 million inhabitants conduct a waste audit to find out the amount and type of waste being produced, imported and exported.
- ii) By 2030, facilitate circular economy/cradle to cradle systems without toxic chemical recycling in 100 countries in 5 UN regions.

These can be adopted as key measurable objectives from the IPEN-PAN document.

Thank you, Mr. co-chair