

IPEN Intervention on "Information exchange" from Environment and Social Development Organization-ESDO, Bangladesh a participating organization of IPEN

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Thank you Mr. President,

IPEN considers the role of information exchange as essential to the success of the convention.

However, we are concerned that the guidance document included in document COP.5/INF/50 is extremely long, so it could benefit from being accompanied by a shorter and more visual user-friendly guide.

We also consider that the implementation of Stockholm Convention Clearing-House Mechanism (SC CHM) needs to clearly define the Responsibilities of stakeholders, the capacity building role, and the Beneficiaries.

We are concerned that this important initiative has taken a long time and needs now to be a priority for the Secretariat. It also needs to be adequately funded in order to serve the parties and stakeholders to the convention. "

In addition, it could be consider the function of the information clearinghouse would be to serve as a virtual laboratory that would develop, experiment with and advance new ideas in the field of POPs management, which would lead the way and set the pace for best and innovative practices.

IPEN suggests allocating space on the website specifically focused on the activities of the civil society groups working on the implementation of the Convention. This will provide them with the possibility to present their projects and share expertise with other stakeholders. As it was mentioned in our previous presentations NGO activities on POPs are not limited with awareness raising. We have substantial expertise in actual POPs reduction and elimination that we are open to share.