

IPEN Intervention on Hazardous Chemicals in Electronics- given by Birhanu Genet, Pesticide Action Nexus Association, Ethiopia

Thank you Mr. President.

I am speaking on behalf of my NGO, PAN Ethiopia, working in Ethiopia, and also on behalf of IPEN and its 700 organizations.

Hazardous chemicals in electronics are an extremely important issue that affects design, production, and the management of the waste generated.

However, I believe that the current *Global Plan of Action (GPA)* does not specifically address this important issue.

ICCM3 should consider the addition of this topic to the *GPA* at *ICCM3*. We believe that having this item in the *GPA* would be extremely helpful to countries as they prepare their *SAICM* implementation plans.

For example, in my country, Ethiopia, having electronics in the *GPA* would increase the profile of the issues; assist with the management of second-hand electronics imported, develop a mechanism to save the health of informal recyclers working and, importantly, help to develop the necessary regulatory policies to manage the electronic waste.

In closing, we believe that delegates at *ICCM3* should be able to consider adding the electronics issue to the *GPA* and strongly support its consideration and addition.

Thank you.