

**Statement from PAN India on behalf of PAN Asia Pacific on the agenda item
Global Alliance on Highly Hazardous Pesticides (V11)**

Thank you Mr. Co Chair,

My name is Dileep Kumar, and I am from Pesticide Action Network India, a member of PAN Asia Pacific regional centre. I am presenting this statement on behalf of PAN AP.

We appreciate the effort of the alliance task force for advancing the work towards shaping the alliance, and we welcome the progress on establishing a Global Alliance on highly hazardous pesticides with the goal of taking effective measures to phase out highly hazardous pesticides.

Pesticides can persist in the environment for decades and pose a global threat to the entire ecological system upon which food production depends.

Owing to their inherent toxicity potential, Highly Hazardous pesticides cause food safety risks and environmental risk leading to devastating irreversible health risk for men, women, and children among different groups such as farmers, farm workers, and consumers.

Further, highly hazardous pesticides result in unintended pesticide poisonings and self poisonings with particularly high incidences in low and middle income countries.

Therefore effective measures are needed to catalyse the phase out of HHPs to prevent the harm without delay.

We feel that the Global Alliance on highly hazardous pesticides is an important milestone in our collective efforts to eliminate the ongoing harm from HHPs on people and biodiversity. We look forward to continuing our constructive engagement and contributions towards achieving the objectives and ambitions of the Global Alliance on highly hazardous pesticides.

I thank you Mr Co Chair,