

Thank you Mr Co-Chair for giving us the floor.

My name is Susan Haffmans, I am from Pesticide Action Network Germany speaking on behalf of PAN International.

The agreement by all stakeholders to establish a Global Alliance on HHPs was one of the big achievements of ICCM5, and demonstrates in a positive way the multi stakeholder character of the Global Framework on Chemicals. By delivering on targets A7 and D5 the Global Alliance is a key element of the GFC and offers a unique opportunity to contribute to its success.

We remind ourselves that the Global Alliance was agreed because HHPs remain a major health and environmental concerns. HHPs are driving biodiversity loss and undermining ecosystem services worldwide. They give rise to serious trans-generational health impacts; from polluting the unborn-child to causing cancers, and reproductive and developmental disorders severely impacting the lives of current and future generations, in what constitutes a fundamental human rights concern.

On Friday the operational framework of the Global Alliance will be presented. PAN believes that agreeing on the framework will constitute an important step in kick-starting the Alliance. We are looking forward to countries and other stakeholders to engage, to share their experiences and to collectively work together towards a phase-out of HHPs and a phase-in of sustainable, safer alternatives, based on agroecological principles.

It is important, however, that the establishment of the Global Alliance, of its proposed governance bodies, and the development of its action plan are now proactively advanced against a clear timeline.

PAN therefore recommends that the session dedicated to the GAHHPs on Friday agrees to request that the Ad-hoc UN Task Force forms the Interim Steering Committee within one month of this meeting, and mandates that Steering Committee to manage membership applications and conduct the tasks necessary to ensure that action plan development is complete by the mid 2026. This would enable an established Alliance to report concrete progress to the first GFC International Conference next year, in line with Resolution V/11.

With the establishment of the GFC - *For a planet free of harm from chemicals and waste* the world community agreed on setting the direction of global chemical management, to guide future policy on chemicals and waste around the world, including the most hazardous pesticides. In this, the Global Alliance will play a vital role. PAN acknowledges and supports the updated Operational Framework for the Global Alliance and its proposed governance structure and thanks the FAO and the other UN agencies joined in the Ad-Hoc UN task force for this important progress.

Thank you Mr Co-Chair.