

Thank you, Madam Co-Chair.

**IPEN Intervention on National Focal Points and National Implementation Plans
under the Global Framework on Chemicals**

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Thank you, Madam Chair.

My name is Chinkie Peliño-Golle, I am speaking on behalf of the EcoWaste Coalition in the Philippines and IPEN.

To truly realize the ambition of the Global Framework on Chemicals, national-level commitment is essential. This includes the development and delivery of effective National Implementation Plans.

We respectfully call on Member States to recognize the critical role of National Focal Points, not only as technical coordinators, but also as key facilitators of inclusive, multisectoral, and multistakeholder engagement. This includes meaningful participation by civil society, Indigenous Peoples, and communities most affected by chemical exposure at all stages of plan development and implementation.

For National Focal Points to fulfill this role, they must be adequately supported. Sufficient resources will enable them to coordinate across sectors, ensure transparency, and guide implementation aligned with national priorities.

It is equally important that National Implementation Plans are aligned with existing development, health, and environmental strategies, and include mechanisms for meaningful civil society engagement, monitoring, and learning, fostering knowledge exchange and good practices.

We also emphasize the need to integrate gender considerations at every stage of implementation, recognizing the differentiated impacts of chemicals and the importance of equitable participation and benefits.

Ultimately, this is a shared opportunity and responsibility—to strengthen national systems, protect the environment and communities, and collectively realize the vision of the Global Framework in Chemicals.

Thank you.