

PAN International Statement on OEWG Agenda Item 3 (f) – International Cooperation and Coordination

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Thank you Mr Co-Chair

My name is Jago Wadley, representing Pesticide Action Network UK, and I make this statement on behalf of Pesticide Action Network International.

Firstly we would like to wholly endorse the statement made by the Children and Youth Caucus, and its recommendation for the GFC Secretariat to join the UN Environmental Management Group (EMG).

Identifying and leveraging synergies with relevant international organizations, multilateral agreements and policy instruments is critical to raising the profile and driving implementation of the GFC, and providing efficiencies that minimize the delivery burden for all stakeholders across multiple complementary frameworks.

With regard to pesticides, it is essential that synergies between the GFC and the Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) of the Convention on Biological Diversity are prioritized.

Reflecting this, in Paragraph 19 of [CBD Decision 16/35](#) on Cooperation with other conventions and international organizations, 196 Parties to the CBD invited the Secretariats of the GFC, the BRS Conventions, and the 3 Rio Conventions, as well as the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), to collaborate specifically on the implementation of GBF Target 7 on pollution.

Target 7 of the Global Biodiversity Framework commits the international community to an at least halving of risk to biodiversity from pesticides and highly hazardous chemicals by 2030.

The synergies with GFC Target A7 in particular, and other GFC Targets, are undeniable and compelling. The implementation of GFC Target A7 to phase out Highly Hazardous Pesticides in agriculture is likely the most effective means for countries to deliver pesticides risk reductions mandated under the CBD commitment.

The adoption in February 2025 of the *aggregated total applied toxicity (ATAT)* methodology into the GBF Monitoring Framework only increases the relevance of GFC action on HHPs to the GBF.

PAN recommends that deliberations on [Working Document UNEP/GFC/OEWG.1/6](#) should result in the OEWG's official acknowledgement of and reciprocal commitment to the invitation for cross-framework collaboration on GBF Target 7 requested in CBD Decision 16/35.

This would support GFC implementation as much as, if not more than it would the GBF, in line with paragraphs 4 and 7 of Resolution V/6, while also constituting a material contribution to the implementation GFC Target E6.

We hope colleagues here will agree to recognise and reciprocate this invitation.

Thank you Madam/Mr Co-Chair.