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## **Thank you, Madame Co-Chair, for giving us the floor**

The Global Alliance on Health and Pollution is a collaborative alliance, –committed to improving global health by reducing pollution and its health impacts, particularly in developing countries.

GAHP supported by Ghana, Nigeria, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Uganda and Uruguay, submitted a Conference Room Paper (CRP) on lead pollution, in light of its devastating health, environmental and economic impact, leading to an estimated annual loss of 7% of the global Gross Domestic Product (GDP) , as reported by the World Bank—which affects economies and sustainable development, especially in developing countries.

This CRP includes a proposal to consider lead as an Issue of Concern, to be examined by the OEWG and elevated to the International Conference.

This reflects the critical importance of major sources of lead such as used lead-acid batteries (ULABs), as well as consumer products, spices, cosmetics, and lead-glazed ceramics, broadening the focus beyond lead in paint.

This proposal also aligns with the decision adopted by the World Health Assembly of the WHO in the Resolution titled:

“Galvanizing Global Support for a Lead-Free Future”, adopting a comprehensive approach that goes well beyond lead in paint and mandates developing a Global Action Plan on Lead Mitigation, to be submitted to WHA 80 in 2027.

We respectfully request that this intervention be reflected in the meeting record, and we look forward to further addressing this issue throughout the week, in accordance with the established procedures and agenda.

**Thank you, Madame Co-Chair.**