I am speaking on behalf of CropLife International, the association that represents the research based global crop protection industry. CLI contributed to all the SAICM meetings since its inception, jointly with ICCA and looking forward to continuing our contributions in the new Beyond 2020 Instrument.

With the Int Council of Chemical Associations we share

- the view that broad representation and engagement at SAICM from the private sector stakeholders is key to help facilitate its success

and also

- join the broad consensus among stakeholders that the Beyond 2020 framework should continue SAICM’s unique voluntary, multi-stakeholder and multi-sectoral approach.

CLI is committed

- continuing and strengthening collaboration with other stakeholders towards achieving SAICM’s goal, in our case the sustainable management of pesticides
- and aligned with the obligations laid out by the International Code of Conduct on pesticides management (ICoC) which is guiding the CropLife Industry and other stakeholders including governments involved in crop management.

We welcome the development of a new Beyond 2020 framework and looking for its alignment and mainstreaming with commitments and actions specifically related to agriculture and pesticide management led by the FAO & WHO, specifically the JMPM, that guides the implementation of ICoC to capture synergies and avoid duplications of work.

CLI and its network have many Regulatory capacity building and farmer training programs ongoing in several countries and regions and we continue and keep increasing resources for stewardship programs including through several partnerships on the ground.
As examples we are engaged in several GHS alignment, establishment of container management programs, anti-counterfeit activities and have a long-standing commitment on obsolete stocks. As well we are actively engaged in all the many dedicated efforts managed by FAO and WHO on pesticide residues, specification, pesticide management, and the work of the Codex Alimentarius Commission and active observers to the chemical conventions.

We welcome and actively seek for more opportunities to partner on more specific projects aimed at closing the gap between developed and developing countries regarding sustainable management of pesticides. We would welcome the beyond 2020 framework to include more stakeholders of the crop protection industry including the generic industry and major distributor and retailers.

Concluding, happy to be here and contribute, Thank you.