

## **SAICM IP4.2**

### **NAIROBI, KENYA**

#### **AFRICA REGION CLOSING STATEMENT**

**Madam President,**

**Distinguished IP Co-Chairs**

**The ICCM5 Bureau**

**Dear Delegates**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

On behalf of the 54 countries of the African Region, let me express our appreciation to you Madam President and the Co-chairs for the hard work in coordinating the IP4.2 joint working session to come up with the present document, so far reached at this stage, on the way to the ICCM5.

Madam President and Dear Co-chairs, during the past five days delegates managed to work on the Co-chairs consolidated document on the Beyond 2020 SAICM for sound management of chemicals and waste to protect human health and the environment. The African Group, taking into considerations of prevailing conditions in the region, and like many other regions, have specific area of priorities which would like to be jointly supported and made part of the document and thereafter the instrument itself. We appreciate to have joint support and made progress in some areas of concerns to the region.

Madam President and Dear Co-chairs, Africa conveyed its biggest concerns about the human life impact of chemicals and waste in such a way, the region strongly requests a joint effort for the establishment of a global alliance to phase out Highly Hazardous Pesticides, to have an international code of conduct that guides the development and implementation of national legal frame-work on chemicals and waste. We underscore the support on these keys issues for the region, we take note that we are heard by almost all regions and our request for a resolution to establish a global alliance on HHPs and the development of an international code of conduct on chemicals and waste are documented to be forwarded for a decision at ICCM5. Hence, we would like to stress that Africa needs this momentum so that we can have the resolution on the two issues to be made at ICCM5.

Thank you!!