

Intervention on Plenary from CEPHED Nepal

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Thank you, madam Co-Chair,

I Am Ram Charitra Sah, speaking on behalf of the Center for Public Health and Environmental Development (CEPHED), Nepal also, a participating organization of IPEN

Despite of being our government's progressive in banning several Pesticides, HHPs, a number of pesticides including the banned HHPs have been exported to our country by a number of Developed and neighboring countries. Therefore, I strongly support the CRP 9 on HHP

In addition, the chemical in products especially the banned POPs chemicals like PBDE, OBDE Children's, and a series of heavy metals like Lead, Mercury, Cadmium, and Chromium. A recent study of CEPHED on toys has also shown a high level of phthalates in children's toys. The children's school stationery like Eraser has been found loaded with multiple types of Phthalates and hence support the CRP 12 on Transparency of chemicals in all stages up to the waste.

We also support CRP 11 proposed by ILO on the Right of Healthy Work as a Fundamental right. Because most of the workers from Nepal migrate to a number of countries and are forced to work in an environment not healthy for them and return back to the countries without prosperity rather return with several diseases with them that they and their families cannot cope with.

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