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WHA Resolution + Obsolete Pesticides Proposal in Danube STRATEGY

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Mini Hearing in the European Parliament on Obsolete Pesticides in Eastern European countries, the Caucasus and Central Asia Countries, 14.00h till 17.00h on 29 June 2010 in Brussels



- RESOLUTION on **improvement of health** through sound management of obsolete pesticides and other obsolete chemicals - **OPC** (adopted on 63 WHA, 21 May 2010)
- DANUBE STRATEGY – in preparation
- CSD - COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, CYCLE 2009-2011, CHEMICALS – Preparation for the **19. (DECISION) SESSION**



Why involvement of WHO?

- **25% of the global burden of diseases is linked to environmental risk factors**

More information on

- <http://www.saicm.org/ich/index.php/SVN>



IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTION **OPC**

- **WHO - Member States**
- **RELEVANT stakeholders**
- **DIRECTOR General of the WHO**



IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTION OPC

- Adoption of relevant strategies (national, regional, international)
- Adoption of comprehensive action plans
- Awareness raising
- Training
- Cooperation among Member States, International organisations, financial institutions
- Life cycle approach **to prevent further stocks** of obsolete pesticides and other obsolete chemicals
- Support and activities by all stakeholders
- Support by WHO capacity the ongoing activities and enhancing new



IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTION OPC

DANUBE Strategy

http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/cooperation/danube/documents_en.htm

- Regional strategy
- Action plan on the basis of the strategy
- Cooperation among countries in the region (MS WHO) and other relevant stakeholders
- Cooperation in the region – EU and neighbourhood
- Financial instrument – ENPI programme...

Obsolete pesticides for now in proposal of Slovenia. It should be adopted (ownership) by the relevant MS, EC. More information:

http://www.svrez.gov.si/fileadmin/svez.gov.si/pageuploads/docs/Podonavska_strategija/EUSDR_SI_PositionPaper_31MAY10.pdf



COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, CYCLE 2009-2011, CHEMICALS

- Geneva, UNECE RIM, 1. December 2009, topic obsolete pesticides taken in Chair's summary, Slovenia initiative with support of the SAICM CEE
- New York, 3.- 14. May, 18. Session of the CSD; topic of obsolete pesticides taken in the President Summary – initiative Slovenia through EU



COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, CYCLE 2009-2011, CHEMICALS, 18. Session, **Chair's Summary**

Title: Obstacles, constraints and challenges

98..... dumping of toxic chemicals ... in developing countries and economies in transition; as well as in indigenous areas; and high cost of remediation of contaminated sites and **burden of obsolete chemicals.**



COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, CYCLE 2009-2011, CHEMICALS, 18. Session, **Chair's Summary**

Title: **Way forward**

111. Delegations noted the need to manage chemicals within the **entire lifecycle**. They called for speeding up the process of addressing the problem of obsolete pesticides that threaten the health of millions of people and the environment, which is a result of unsound chemicals management and pesticide overconsumption. It was highlighted that integrated pest management can reduce application of chemicals in agriculture.



COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, CYCLE 2009-2011, CHEMICALS, 18. Session, **Chair's Summary**

Title of the Chair's Summary : **Way forward**

115. It was emphasized that **the health sector** should play a more active role in sound chemicals management, for example **by availing of WHO offices** to offices to strengthen coordination at the national and regional levels.



WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE?

Use the existing instrument

Resolution **OPC**:

- Immediately begin with its implementation.
- **PRIORITIZE** the issue of obsolete pesticide in the national development plans
- Establish cooperation, preparation of the strategy, common use of financial sources (bilateral and multilateral cooperation).



WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE?

Make efforts

- a) Danube Strategy: include the topic of the obsolete pesticides and other obsolete chemicals in the strategy **(implementation of the Resolution OPC)**
- b) CSD: **prepare** decision of 19. Session
- c) Rio+20: bring the topic to the conclusions of the meeting.



WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE?

- Establish partnership among the Danube countries in the project of obsolete pesticides.

- Potential partners all Danube countries:

eight EU members (Germany, Austria, Czech Republic, Slovak Republic, Hungary, Slovenia, Romania, Bulgaria)

six non-members of the EU (Croatia, Serbia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Montenegro, Moldavia, Ukraine).



CONCLUSION:

Prioritization of the issue on the **national level**.

Use existing national and international legal and financial instruments, like ENPI, GEF

Develop/support further documents/instruments and plans at all levels

Danube strategy could be one of them, followed by **decision on CSD** and **Rio-20**, **use existing** and look for additional **financial instruments**.

Cooperation!