

Mini-Hearing on Obsolete Pesticides in Eastern European Countries, the Caucasus and Central Asian Countries

Concrete Steps for Implementation of Action Plan on OPs

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Elements of way forward

1. Success story on OPs in EU and 'new' member states
2. Significant action/progress in ENP countries
3. Global drive to eliminate OPs and some successes



OBSOLETE PESTICIDES A TICKING TIME BOMB AND WHY WE HAVE TO ACT NOW



Playing on obsolete pesticides, these children are exposed to enormous dangers. Photograph: Courtesy of Berto Collet, Tauw, The Netherlands (2007).

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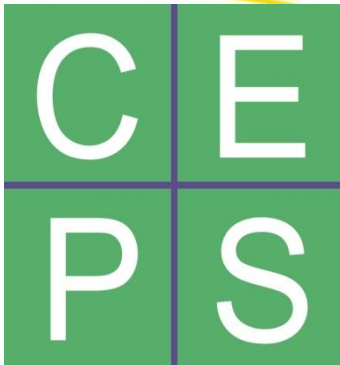
<http://www.ceps.eu/book/obsolete-pesticides-ticking-time-bomb-and-why-we-have-act-now>

More is needed

- 1. Awareness raising and capacity in non-EU Europe**
- 2. Support/pressure for ratification of Stockholm Convention**
- 3. Need for reliable inventories**
- 4. If removal/destruction is not an option, safeguarding must be priority**

Proposal for a Plan of Action (EU)

1. **OPs should be addressed in the Council WP on International Environmental Issues**
2. **EP**
 - requests an amendment of the pesticides strategy with binding requirements to report OP stocks
 - highlight OPs in the European Neighbourhood Strategy
3. **Countries that own OPs**
 - Make removal a priority
 - Add destruction to the agenda of negotiations with donors
 - Making national funds available for co-funding
4. **Commission, EP and MSs engage on dialogue on scale and urgency of problem and solution**
5. **'New' MSs should urgently comply with Stockholm Convention**
6. **Plant protection associations would design and implement so-called 'empty container programmes' to collect and destroy Ops (e.g. France, Poland)**



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