Workshop "From science to action, for the implementation of the BRS conventions and guidance on the environmentally sound management of industrial chemicals

### The work of IPEN in the GRULAC region

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## SCIENCE TO ACTION IPEN – a global NGO network

- Public interest, civil society NGOs in 125 Countries working together for a Toxics-Free Future
- Driven by local priorities, linking these to regional and global efforts to prevent harm from chemicals and waste (Local global local approach)
- Engaged in all the chemicals- related multilateral agreements







CRBAS Centro Regional Basilea para América del Sur



## **IPEN and the BRS Conventions**

- IPEN was founded during the Stockholm Convention INC process, active participation in the POPs Review Committee and the COPs ever since
- Providing local evidence for global problems











## Work of IPENers in GRULAC relating to the BRS - POPs listings and impact of exemptions













TOXIC INDUSTRIAL CHEMICAL **RECOMMENDED FOR GLOBAL PROHIBITION CONTAMINATES** CHILDREN'S TOYS





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tos dominiticos como hormigas y cuestrachas de jardin. Históricamente se ha usado también para el control de la hormiga de faego roja (Nofenopolo invistu) en la protección de cableado y contra termitas. En la Unión Europea la sulfummida y el PPOS ya no se emplean en la formulación de celsos o insectici-ilas para el control de escaralusjos y hormigas. En los Retados Unidos, la Agencia de Protección Ambiental (RPA) canoció la producción y registro de milifurarsid en mayo de 3008 y todos los productos registrados en 2012.º Esto incluye el sur de Estados Unidos, donde habitan las hornigas cortadoras de los géneros Aras y Arrongronae, prosentes en una gran parte de Anté-rica Latina y el Caribe. Ill Ministerio de Agricultura y

riores de China, un importante co-

contra termitas y horneigas rejas, en pastizales para la ganadería, en frotales y otros coltivos agricolas. En al-

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#### Short-chain chlorinated paraffins

#### PFOS, sulfluramid + alternatives

environment

programme





Mediterranean Action Plan Barcelona Convention







#### **Recycling of** brominated flame retardants



# Work of IPENers in GRULAC relating to the BRS - Plastics









### "Without additives, plastics would not work"

#### - The British Plastics Federation

Type of additive	Function	For example	Typical amount range (% w/w) (from Hahladakis et al, 2018)
Plasticizers	Provides flexibility	Chlorinated paraffins (SCCP/MCCP/LCCP); phthalates (DIHP, BBP, DEHP)	10% – 70%
Flame retardants	Prevents ignition	Polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs); tetrabromobisphenol A (TBBPA)	3% – 25% (brominated)
Stabilizers	Prevents degradation	Bisphenol A (BPA); Cadmium, Lead, Nonylphenol	0.05% – 3%
Inorganic Pigments	Provides color	Cadmium, Chromium, Lead compounds	0.01% - 10 %
Biocides	Antimicrobial	Arsenic, triclosan	0.001% - 1%



## Concerns around hazardous additives: Recycling and health impacts

- Many plastic additives are hazardous, some of these are POPs and/or can cause endocrine disruption
- These remain during recycling + new toxic chemicals can be formed (e.g. brominated dioxins from plastics containing brominated flame retardants).
- Causes uncontrolled, widespread contamination of recycled plastics
- Impossible for consumers to know what is in the plastic product, even if made of new plastic











## Work of IPENers in GRULAC relevant for COP in 2023











Beach sampling plastic pellets:

• Analyzed for PCB (23 countries) and Benzotriazole UV-stabilizers (22 countries)

Recycled pellets: 23 countries, 18 chemicals

- 11 brominated flame retardants
- Bisphenol A
- 6 UV-stabilizers (including UV-328)













#### LA CONTAMINACIÓN QUÍMICA GENERALIZADA DE PELLETS DE PLÁSTICO RECICLADO A NIVEL GLOBAL

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## Recycled pellets contained 3 – 16 chemicals

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#### LOS PELLETS DE PLÁSTICO HALLADOS EN LAS PLAYAS POR TODO EL MUNDO CONTIENEN SUSTANCIAS QUÍMICAS TÓXICAS

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International N () Pellet Watch env.ronment programme







## **Beached Plastic pellets**

- Plastic pellets are small, lentil sized pieces of plastics that are used to make plastic products
- Are spilled during production, transport and storage
- Found all over the world



Chemicals can also attach to plastics in the environment UV 328 MedWaves

EASEL / ROTTERDAM / STOCKHOL

CONVENTIONS









• All 10 analyzed BUVs, including UV-328, were found in subsamples from all locations.





• All analyzed PCBs, were found in samples from all locations.











#### PCBs Concentration (ng/g-pellet)



http://www.pelletwatch.org



## **Note on Dechlorane Plus**

- Use of Dechlorane Plus (DP) has increased since the listing of the polybrominated flame retardants (PBDEs) under the Stockholm Convention
- While no analysis of DP was conducted in these projects, the scientific literature shows the same problems as for the PBDEs
- IPEN will release data on DP levels in the blood serum of e-waste workers before the COP











- Civil Society plays an important role in GRULAC to address toxic chemicals
- Citizen science is an important contribution to increase available information on presence of toxic chemicals
- Data from IPEN's projects shows widespread contamination of plastics with POPs and
  - supports listing of UV-328 and Dechlorane Plus in Annex A under the Stockholm Convention
  - underscores the need to meet the 2025 and 2028 PCB deadlines
  - shows the need for allowing no, or only limited, short-term exemptions to avoid contaminating recycled plastics





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#### Muchas gracias



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