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Letter of Interest

Dear Sir/Madam,

“Armenian Women for Health and Healthy Environment” (AWHHE), a non-profit non-governmental NGO of health professionals and environmentalists, has recently encountered the announcement of the IPEN that UNEP and WHO have established a Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint (GAELP) in which IPEN is active.

Expressing commitment to the overall goals and objectives of the Alliance, AWHHE would like to become part of the global lead paint elimination campaign and to be registered with UNEP and WHO as a National Contributor to the GAELP.

AWHHE as NGO SAICM focal point in Armenia has strong experience related to chemical safety of POPs and heavy metals. Participation in GAELP will be very helpful in collecting information on the issue and advocacy with national decision-makers to ensure that Armenia’s children are protected from exposure to lead.

The NGO AWHHE was founded in 1999, and in the same year became a member of International POPs Elimination Network (IPEN)/USA, Europe and its Focal Point in Armenia. The mission of AWHHE is to promote sustainable and healthy lifestyle for children and women in Armenia, working in the direction of decreasing the harmful impacts of toxic pollutants like pesticides on the environment and human health.

Later on AWHHE joined the following international networks: Women in Europe for a Common Future (WECF), International POPs Elimination Network (IPEN), GEF-NGO Network, Women for Water Partnership (WfWP), Health Care Without Harm (HCWH), Global Anti-Incineration Alliance (GAIA), Pesticide Action Network Europe (PAN Europe), Health Environment Alliance (HEAL), and Clinton Global initiative (CGI).

The high professionalism of NGO members, their great experience and dedication served as a strong basis for successful implementation a number of project and initiatives. To learn more about AWHHE and carried out projects please visit www.awhhe.am.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,



Elena Manvelyan
President of AWHHE



GLOBAL ALLIANCE TO ELIMINATE LEAD PAINT INFORMATION ON BECOMING A CONTRIBUTOR

The Global Alliance is a voluntary collaborative initiative to focus and catalyze the efforts of a diverse range of stakeholders to achieve international goals to prevent children's exposure to lead from paint and to minimize occupational exposures to lead paint. The Global Alliance is a joint undertaking of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the World Health Organization (WHO).

WHAT IT MEANS TO BECOME A CONTRIBUTOR TO THE GLOBAL ALLIANCE

- Making a commitment to achieving the overall goals and objectives of the work of the Global Alliance.
- Contributing financially and/or in-kind technical expertise to the development & implementation of activities which help in achieving the goals and objectives of the Global Alliance.
- Working in accordance with the operational framework for the work of the Global Alliance
- Being identified publically as a contributor on the Global Alliance website.
- Networking, sharing information & participating with other contributors in the Global Alliance.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE GLOBAL ALLIANCE

The overall goal of the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint is to prevent children's exposure to paints containing lead and to minimize occupational exposures to lead paint. The broad objective is to phase out the manufacture and sale of paints containing lead and eventually to eliminate the risks that such paint pose. The participation of representative and interested experts from Governments, intergovernmental organizations, non governmental organizations including civil society, regional bodies, philanthropic organizations, academia, the media and the private sector is encouraged.

The work of the Global Alliance is organized in five focal areas:

- ① Environmental aspects,
- ② Health aspects,
- ③ Worker's health,
- ④ Legislation and regulation, and
- ⑤ Outreach to industry.

HOW TO BECOME A CONTRIBUTOR TO THE GLOBAL ALLIANCE TO ELIMINATE LEAD PAINT

Organizations and individuals should complete the attached questionnaire to provide information on the specific initiatives being undertaken in support of the overall goals and objectives of the Global Alliance. The completed questionnaire should be accompanied by a letter of intent setting out the commitment of the contributor to the overall goals and objectives of the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint.

PLEASE SUBMIT THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE TO BOTH:

**Head, Chemicals Branch
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Division of Technology, Industry and Economics**

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**Director Public Health and Environment
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Public Health and Environment**

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT UNEP AND WHO AT THE ABOVE ADDRESSES.
[HTTP: //WWW.UNEP.ORG/HAZARDOUSSUBSTANCES/](http://www.unep.org/hazardoussubstances/)**

(SECTION ON GAELP)



GLOBAL ALLIANCE TO ELIMINATE LEAD PAINT QUESTIONNAIRE FOR POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTORS

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY IN CAPITALS AND IN BLACK

Mr	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mrs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ms	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dr	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prof	<input type="checkbox"/>
FAMILY NAME	<u>Manvelyan</u>								
FIRST NAME	<u>Elena</u>								
TO WHICH SECTOR DO YOU IDENTIFY YOURSELF OR YOUR INSTITUTION (ONE ANSWER ONLY)	A) Government								<input type="checkbox"/>
	B) Intergovernmental organization								<input type="checkbox"/>
	C) Non-governmental organization								<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	D) Other (e.g. academia, media, private sector, interested individuals, etc.)								<input type="checkbox"/>
YOUR JOB TITLE	<u>President of the Armenian Women for Health and Healthy Environment NGO/AWHHE</u>								
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UNEP



World Health Organization

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TYPE OF CONTRIBUTION	Financial (estimated amount _____)	
	In-kind (please describe below <u> X </u>)	
	Materials (please describe below _____)	

Please describe in the space below the activity that you would like recognized as a contribution. Wherever possible, please select which one of the descriptions from the list in the annex most closely aligns with your proposed contribution

Please provide below a short description of the activity that you would like to have recognized as a contribution

AWHHE will contribute to the activities of the work of the Global Alliance by promoting the solution of the problems related to health threats and environmental pollution by lead through exchanging information on the effects of lead on health, prevalence of lead in the environment, regulations and legislation on lead concentrations in paint; lobbying the decision-makers to make sound solutions; promoting to monitor health to estimate the prevalence of lead in human blood; translating and disseminating GAELP-related materials.

My contribution most closely aligns with the work described in the annex section A B,C,D E and F (please select which ones that apply and give number of activity)

PLEASE SIGN THE FORM BELOW	
Name	<u>Elena Manvelyan</u>
Signature	
Date	<u>26.01.2012</u>
PLEASE ATTACH YOUR LETTER OF INTENT TO THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE	

ANNEX

EXAMPLES OF ACTIVITIES THAT MAY DESCRIBE POSSIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS

A	Health Aspects (including lead toxicity and human exposure, but excluding workers health)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A1 Exchange information on the effects of lead on health
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A2 Exchange information on pathways of exposure to lead paint for children and adults
<input type="checkbox"/>	A3 Provide technical expertise in the design and implementation of studies to estimate the distribution of levels of lead in blood in the populations of other nations
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A4 Encourage nations to monitor health to estimate the prevalence of lead in human blood
<input type="checkbox"/>	A5 Build capacity and sharing information to monitor health to estimate the prevalence of lead in human blood
<input type="checkbox"/>	A6 Build capacity and providing training to develop and maintain high-quality laboratory testing for lead in blood
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A7 Assess the hazards of substitutes for lead compounds in paint
<input type="checkbox"/>	A8 Discuss and building capacity on how to reach health providers, caretakers and parents on how to minimize children's exposure to lead from lead paint hazards as part of efforts to minimize exposures to all sources of lead exposure in the household
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A9 Exchange information to promote general public awareness of the hazards of lead paint
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A10 Contributing to the activities that contribute to national, regional or global achievement of the work of the Global Alliance
B	Environmental Aspects
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	B1 Encourage nations to conduct monitoring to estimate the prevalence of lead in the environment (for example, in water, soil and animals)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	B2 Exchange information on lead levels in paints in various countries
<input type="checkbox"/>	B3 Assess the hazards of substitutes for lead compounds in paint
<input type="checkbox"/>	B4 Encourage nations to conduct housing surveys to estimate the prevalence of lead paint in their housing stock
<input type="checkbox"/>	B5 Develop guidelines with descriptions of simple analytical methods and test kits to identify lead paints
<input type="checkbox"/>	B6 Build capacity and providing information and knowledge in human and laboratory equipment to facilitate laboratory tests for lead paint
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	B7 Exchange information on methods to make housing and other buildings with lead paint safe for occupancy by children and pregnant women
<input type="checkbox"/>	B8 Minimize risks of previously applied lead paint in buildings by using effective containment
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	B9 Enhance the elimination of lead paint in schools and other buildings where children will be present, given children's susceptibility to lead
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	B10 Exchange information to promote general public awareness of the hazards of lead paint
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	B11 Exchange information on safe disposal of lead paint waste
<input type="checkbox"/>	B12 Develop approaches to manage and store waste containing lead paints
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	B13 Contributing to the activities that contribute to national, regional or global achievement of the work of the Global Alliance
C	Workers Health (including home-owners repairs)
<input type="checkbox"/>	C1 Exchange information on safe methods to conduct repair or renovation activities on the interior and exterior of homes and other buildings that contain lead paint to minimize exposures to residents and workers and to minimize releases to the environment (including from wastes) that may contribute to future exposures
<input type="checkbox"/>	C2 Discuss steps to teach renovators, painters and other professionals how to minimize children's exposure to lead from lead paint
<input type="checkbox"/>	C3 Exchange information on steps to warn workers of their vulnerability and exposure to lead in small-sized and medium-sized enterprises, in particular in developing countries
<input type="checkbox"/>	C4 Exchange information to promote general public awareness of the hazards of lead paint
<input type="checkbox"/>	C5 Contributing to the activities that contribute to national, regional or global achievement of the work of the Global Alliance

D	Legislation and Regulation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D1	Exchange information on national, provincial, State and local regulations and legislation on lead concentrations in paints permitted in various countries
D2	Develop guidelines for establishing national standards, including those that would permit the use only of lead-free paints
D3	Encourage nations to require that only lead-free paint may be used in construction activities or renovations being supported with government funds
D4	Provide guidance for and information on effective enforcement of national standards, including on how to avoid smuggling of lead paint
D5	Build the legal enforcement capacity of environmental health officers in ministries, local authorities and mines
D6	Provide international support to developing countries by devising further methods to enact comprehensive legislation to phase out lead paint completely
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D7	Exchange information and providing international support to strengthen and harmonize existing national legislation that focuses on protecting public health in relation to the phase-out of lead paint
D8	Build capacity and providing information and knowledge to help officials in a range of ministries to test for lead paint
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D9	Exchange information to promote general public awareness of the hazards of lead paint
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D10	Contributing to the activities that contribute to national, regional or global achievement of the work of the Global Alliance
E	Outreach to industry (including informal sector and small and medium enterprises)
E1	Exchange information on labelling and certification systems with regard to the presence and concentrations of lead in paint
E2	Discuss and providing technical assistance on steps that could be taken to phase out lead from paints and surface coatings such as lacquers, veneers and powder coatings worldwide
E3	Encourage the use of financial incentives to support the use of lead-free paints
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E4	Share knowledge on the availability of substitutes to replace lead compounds in paints
E5	Assess the feasibility of the voluntary phase-out of the production of lead in paint in cooperation with business and industry, including at the (sub)regional level
E6	Encourage wholesalers and retailers to halt sales of lead paints
E7	Exchange information on suggestions for warning labels on new cans of paint alerting users to the health risks that could result if the surfaces being prepared for repainting contain lead paints
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E8	Exchange information to promote general public awareness of the hazards of lead paint
E9	Contributing to the activities that contribute to national, regional or global achievement of the work of the Global Alliance
F	National Contributors (including activities to champion the implementation of GAELP goals and objectives at national and local levels)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F1	Translate GAELP-related materials into national or local languages
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F2	Disseminate GAELP-related materials nationally or locally
F3	Establish a GAELP-related web site in national or local languages with links to the GAELP web site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F4	Test the lead content of paints sold or used nationally or locally and disseminate results
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F5	Mobilize national or local support for lead paint elimination within civil society and/or the health professions
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F6	Undertake communications activities aimed at raising public awareness about lead paint and its hazards and at promoting consumer avoidance of lead paints
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F7	Provide information to national or local manufacturers of lead paints on how to efficiently reformulate their paints
F8	Contribute to the establishment of regional or national voluntary third-party paint certification and labeling programs
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F9	Engage in policy dialogue to promote legislation or regulations to prohibit the manufacture, import, sale and use of lead paints
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F10	Monitor compliance with national legislation, regulations or standards controlling the lead content of paints manufactured, imported, sold or used nationally and locally