

**PESTICIDE ACTION NETWORK
CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF ADVANCING
ECOLOGICAL AGRICULTURE
HEALTH AND FOOD SOVEREIGNTY
WORLDWIDE
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MALAYSIA**

RESOLUTION DDT & HUMAN RIGHTS

We, participants to the 6th PAN International meeting,

Being conscious that malaria kills one child each 30 seconds, with over 90 per cent of the deaths occurring in sub-Saharan Africa;

Considering that the human right to health as proclaimed by several international agreements including the Universal Declaration on Human Rights and the WHO constitution is inalienable and integral to basic human rights;

Considering that the state of health as defined by the WHO Constitution is a "complete physical, mental and social wellbeing, and does not consist only in the lack of disease or disability";

Noting that in all countries affected by malaria epidemics, each case is unique and a blanket approach in promoting the use of DDT for indoor residual spraying is short sighted, and neglect the long-term health effects of exposure to DDT and other harmful chemicals;

Considering that the use of DDT and other harmful chemicals anywhere, whether as part of an approved exemption, or illegal use, can negatively affect the health of people both where it is used, and far away from the site of use,

Call on the international community to keep its promise to assist developing countries to put in place safe, effective sustainable anti-malaria strategies that do not include the use of DDT and incorporating integrated vector management and integrated malaria control with active community participation.

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