

Joint Statement: Time to put an end to double standards!

326 Signatories - NGOs and trade unions - from **6 continents** demand the EU to halt the exports of hazardous, banned chemicals and pesticides



Why an export ban?

- Devastating impacts on human health and the environment
- No excuse for double standards
- EU commitment in Chemicals Strategy “to champion and promote high standards in the world”
- Exports are a violation of the Basel Convention

Overwhelming political support

- Council “expressly welcomed” EC to address “the production for export of harmful chemicals not allowed in the European Union”
- EU Member States take the lead with national laws (BE, FR, DE)
- 70 MEPs: “concrete actions are urgently needed”
- 35 UN Human Rights Council experts: “health and environmental impacts” are “externalized on the most

How to do it:

- **Amend the PIC Regulation** (649/2012) to include an EU-wide export ban
- Should **apply to all banned chemicals** listed in PIC Annex
- The export ban should **apply to all destination countries**

Additional measures to support a global transition

- Just Transition measures to support farmers
- Promote due diligence for the production and use of chemicals
- Global phase-out of highly hazardous pesticides in agriculture by 2030 via a new UN mechanism
- Halt the imports of products made with chemicals banned here

Legal opinions on export ban and WTO-rules

- Art. XX GATT exception clauses for the protection of: public morals (a); human, animal or plant life or health (b), conservation of exhaustible natural resources (g)
- Export ban is a “necessary” measure
- Extraterritoriality is not an obstacle
- Conclusion: **WTO-rules do not pose a legal obstacle**

EU: Act now!

Export ban proposal is delayed:

→ ***How will the European Commission get it back on track?***

Thank you.

