

## **Seoul Pledge of Action for Children's Health and the Environment**

Whereas children and adolescents are at risk of adverse physical health and mental health effects of exposure to environment stressors, including climate change,

Whereas outcomes of environmental health stressors are different in children and adolescents from adults,

Whereas age, gender status, timing and duration of exposure influence children and adolescents' interaction with the environment and affect the outcomes of those interactions,

Whereas children and adolescents are often exposed to multiple environmental stressors simultaneously,

Whereas children and adolescents may need to be empowered to control their own environment,

Whereas parents, caretakers, educators, health professionals, and policy makers would benefit from knowledge about the environmental dangers that threaten children,

Whereas risks come not only from acute high exposures, but from chronic low level exposures to chemical, biological, and physical stressors such as pesticides, toxic metals, solvents, radiation, endocrine disrupting chemicals, e-waste, personal care products, and other commercial products,

Whereas children and adolescents should be protected from injury, poisoning, stress and hazards in their environments, such as houses, schools, playgrounds, neighborhoods where they are conceived, are born, live, learn, play, grow, and work,

Whereas health professionals, researchers, civil society organizations, government officials, and the economic sector all have roles to play to protect children and adolescents,