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## **Industry Declaration on the International Code of Conduct on Pesticide Management**

### ***Plant science industry renews and reaffirms commitment to standards of conduct in agricultural pest control***

**Brussels, 12 June 2024:** The members of trade association CropLife International have today issued an [Industry Declaration](#) renewing and reaffirming their commitment to the principles and standards of the [International Code of Conduct on Pesticide Management](#). The Declaration marks the first anniversary of the publication of their [Guide to Industry](#) on the Code's implementation.

The Code of Conduct (ICoC), governed by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the World Health Organisation (WHO), is a voluntary instrument covering the whole pesticide lifecycle from research and development, manufacture and use, to the safe removal and treatment of waste. It outlines the responsibilities of all stakeholders throughout these processes. Adherence to the principles of the Code of Conduct is a condition of membership of CropLife International, reflecting its centrality to the industry and organization.

The undertakings made today set out the CropLife International member commitment to:

- **Uphold the objectives and standards enshrined in the International Code of Conduct on Pesticide Management**
- **Support access to safe and affordable food, to a clean healthy environment and safe working conditions through adherence to and promotion of the Code**
- **Strive to reflect and promote sustainable outcomes in agronomical practices, balancing the imperatives of biodiversity, productivity and climate**
- **Embody a life cycle approach through Pesticide Stewardship, from research and development, manufacture and use, to the safe removal and treatment of waste**

- **Support farmers in their endeavors to produce more food on less land sustainably, providing guidance, training and promoting practices that ensure responsible and effective pesticide use**
- **Call upon all stakeholders to similarly uphold and promote the International Code of Conduct on Pesticide Management, recognizing the need for cooperative efforts across governmental and regulatory bodies, the pesticide industry, international organizations, traders, the food industry, product users and public-interest groups.**

CroLife International Chairman of the Board Livio Tedeschi of BASF announced the Declaration whilst speaking at the annual conference of the International Grains Council in London, saying *“Balancing the imperatives of biodiversity, productivity and climate are central to our shared purpose. The plant-science industry has a crucial role to play in this, supporting farmers in their endeavors to produce more food on less land sustainably. It’s a responsibility we hold at the very core of our businesses.*

*“In issuing this Declaration today, the members of CroLife International are underscoring the centrality of these commitments to our long term strategy and our day-to-day operations alike. I’m proud to be able to bring forward these undertakings, and call on all stakeholders to join us in similarly ensuring that principles enshrined in the Code of Conduct are continuously upheld.”*

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**About CropLife International:** As a global voice and leading advocate for the plant science industry, we champion innovative technologies that help farmers grow more food on less land sustainably. We represent six of the world’s leading multinational R&D companies in the plant science sector by protecting intellectual property to foster a culture of innovation, advocating for trade and regulatory policies that facilitate access to new technologies, and ensuring the responsible and effective use of plant science innovations.

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