The International Pediatric Association fully endorses and supports the development of country-level Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Centres to provide education and consultation about protecting children from environmental hazards. The IPA invites the National Pediatric Societies to take action to:

- improve the knowledge of pediatricians and other child health professionals about the health effects of environmental contaminants, and to

- advocate for the development of country-level Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Centres with emphasis on actions aimed at protecting children from environmental hazards from the prenatal period through adolescence.

- Explore credentialing for pediatricians and centres that specialize in environmental health

The International Pediatric Association Committee on Environmental Health is available to assist National Pediatric Societies upon request.

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