

IBFAN groups in different countries use the statement to help them move from ‘damage control’ after media scares, to ‘disaster preparedness’ to be ready to counter media reports about breastfeeding and chemical residues before damage is done. Some IBFAN groups also endorse the WABA/IPEN joint statement; others prefer to continue to work quietly with local environmental groups until the need for action arises. The statement is currently available in English, French, Arabic, Spanish and Portuguese.

Breastfeeding and Environmental Social Justice Advocates at Work



Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee 4th Session (INC4), Bonn, Germany, 20-25 March 2000: forging links with environmental social justice groups - Marian Tompson, LLLI and Susan Siew, WABA.



Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee 5th Session (INC5), Johannesburg, South Africa, 4-9 December 2000: On-going session.



Greenpeace "Corridor of Bellies" to remind government delegates at INC5 to protect our future generations from toxic-industrial chemicals.



Greenpeace "Toxic Patrol" lobbying outside the conference hall during INC5, Johannesburg, South Africa.



Penny Van Esterik conducting a workshop on communicating on infant feeding at NGO Forum, INC5.

Susan Siew with supportive government representatives from Indonesia and Bangladesh.



Tom Goldtooth, national spokesperson for IEN.

Exchanging materials with members of the Indigenous Environmental Network (IEN), Susan Siew and Penny Van Esterik (far right).



Bolinas, California, USA, April 2001: WABA-IPEN meeting on strategies to communicate the risks in infant feeding and work towards a toxic-free environment.

Sharyle Patton, Co-Chair, IPEN, with Susan Stew, WABA



LLLI-IPEN-WABA meeting on contaminants in breastmilk prior to the La Leche League Conference in Chicago, USA, July 2001.

Historical moment... the adoption of the United Nations Stockholm Convention on POPs by the Conference of Plenipotentiaries, Stockholm, Sweden, 22-23 May 2001.



Breastfeeding and environment advocates had the support of Minister of the Environment, Sweden (3rd from right).

