

## **Textual proposal of the Republic of Kazakhstan**

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#### **Article 6 SUPPLY**

Kazakhstan considers it premature to apply restrictions or regulation of primary polymer production within the framework of the proposed treaty.

Thus, under the proposed Article 6 Kazakhstan does not support the notion «management of the supply of primary polymers» as proposed by the Secretariat.

Plastics, for instance, play a vital role in ensuring sterility and safety in medical applications and providing durability in various sectors of economy (e.g. infrastructure, construction projects).

Restricting their production could hinder the development of key sectors of economy and impose significant socio-economic costs. As Kazakhstan is developing petrochemical industry to reduce reliance on raw material exports, it stresses the need for a balanced approach that does not impede economic development.

On another note, Kazakhstan supports and suggest incorporating the Secretariat's proposals under Article 5 on Plastic Product Design, specifically to «take measures to promote sustainable production and consumption of plastics throughout their life cycle» and «cooperate to achieve a global objective of sustainable levels of production.»

Kazakhstan believes that the regulation of supplies outlined in Article 6 is redundant, as this matter is already governed by existing international agreements. For instance, international treaties such as the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) within the framework of the World Trade Organization (WTO), as well as bilateral and regional agreements, effectively regulate international supplies, including issues related to tariffs, quotas, and the transparency of trade procedures. Adding additional provisions to the proposed Convention may duplicate the functions of existing international mechanisms and complicate the coordination of the document, rendering Article 6 impractical.

This approach emphasizes the importance of focusing the Convention on the unique aspects of plastic management, such as product design and sustainable production, in alignment with the proposals under Article 5. Accordingly, Kazakhstan recommends removing Article 6 on Supply entirely, as it falls outside the mandate of the Treaty.

