



## AFRICAN GROUP OF NEGOTIATORS

### Article 9 - Existing Plastic Pollution[Delivered by the Gambia on 7 August]

Thank you Co-Facilitator, on behalf of the African Group of Negotiators we would like to propose the following amendments. For the **chapeau of paragraph 1**, we support stronger language by replacing should with shall, as this article is a critical issue where plastic pollution affects the African region significantly.

For **paragraph 1 (b)**, we have some amendments

1. After “removal”, we would like to add “remediation” - Remediation includes removal where necessary but also encompasses efforts to restore ecological integrity and aligns with established environmental standards.
2. After “accumulation zones”, we would like to add “**taking into account the special circumstances of Least Developed Countries and other developing countries experiencing the disproportionate impacts of plastic pollution**”

Thank you Mr. Co-Chair,

**For 1ter and paragraph 2**, the African group would like to add brackets to both references to a remediation mechanism. We would like to kindly remind delegates that discussions on a financial mechanism are **not in this contact group**, but covered in **contact group 3** under **Article 11**. Thank you