



AFRICAN GROUP OF NEGOTIATORS

Proposed Intervention on the Preamble:

The African Group considers the Preamble a critical part of this Convention, as it sets the context and provides the overarching vision for the treaty. To ensure the instrument is comprehensive and addresses all key drivers of the plastic pollution crisis, we propose the inclusion of two additional paragraphs.

First, we believe it is essential to explicitly acknowledge the threat posed by illegal activities that undermine our global efforts. We propose adding a paragraph that states:

"Acknowledging the urgent need for effective measures to prevent and eliminate the illegal trade and trafficking of plastic products and plastic-contaminated waste, including the illegal transboundary movement of such materials, which undermines global efforts to combat plastic pollution;"

This addition reflects a reality faced by many countries, where illegal plastic waste trade circumvents environmental regulations and poses a serious threat to human health and the environment.

Second, to build on this acknowledgment and link it to existing legal frameworks, we propose a second paragraph:

"Recognizing the critical importance of international and Regional cooperation, compliance, and enforcement to effectively monitor, control, and prevent illegal plastic trade, trafficking, and the transboundary movement of plastic waste, in line with international agreements such as the Basel Convention."

By referencing the Basel Convention, this text provides a clear legal basis and a pathway for our work, leveraging the expertise and mechanisms of an existing international instrument.

In summary, these two paragraphs will ensure that the Preamble sets a strong and unambiguous tone on the need for effective measures to combat illegal plastic waste trade and emphasizes the importance of international cooperation and enforcement.

Thank you.