

## AGN STATEMENTS FOR CG 4

### Principles

With regards to the article on Principles, Malawi on behalf of the African Group emphasizes the importance of having a dedicated article on principles to reference guiding principles of international and environmental law relevant to the treaty in an adequate manner, and ensure their legal force. Therefore, the African Group would like to draw on the following principles from the Compiled Draft Text to be included:

the principles set out in the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development (Rio Principles), as referred to in resolution UNEA 5/14, in general or with reference to specific principles

- a. the promotion, respect and protection of human rights
- b. the precautionary approach
- c. common but differentiated responsibilities
- d. the polluter pays principle
- e. respect for sovereignty over the use of natural resources
- f. non-regression
- g. ecosystems approach
- h. transparency
- i. inclusiveness
- j. bottom-up approach
- k. general principles relating to marine pollution
- l. circular economy
- m. non-discrimination
- n. best available science
- o. local and Indigenous knowledge
- p. access to information and transparency
- q. equity
- r. sustainable development

### Preamble

Regarding the Preamble, AGN agrees with the Chair's non-paper proposal with the following amendments:

- In the language on production and consumption of plastics at sustainable levels, AGN requests to add **sustainable production and consumption** as the most effective way to address plastic pollution and protect human health and the environment.
- AGN requests that the Preamble also highlights the need to strengthen developing countries' capabilities for managing plastics through **accessible financial and technical assistance, robust technology transfer, and cooperation**.

## Objective

In alignment with the African Group position, AGN agrees with the proposal by chair paper that the **two proposed objectives are complementary**. In line with this, AGN supports the objective to refer to, on the one hand, ending plastic pollution, and on the other end, the protection of human health and the environment, including the marine environment.

In addition, AGN requests

- That the objective includes that this is “based on a comprehensive approach that addresses the **full life cycle of plastic**” as per UNEA Resolution 5/14. This inclusion is important to ensure that both upstream (production and design) and downstream (waste management and pollution) challenges are tackled comprehensively.

## PROPOSAL

- [The objective of this instrument is to end plastic pollution, including in the marine environment, based on a comprehensive approach that addresses the full life cycle of plastic, and to protect human health and the environment from the adverse effects of plastic pollution.]

## Scope

Malawi on behalf of the AGN believes that the scope of the future instrument should clearly reflect the provisions of **UNEA 5/14 resolution** to end plastic pollution across the full life cycle of all plastics and address its effects on human health and the environment.

## Definitions

Malawi on behalf of AGN supports the approach of defining terms in general used in the Convention in Article 2 and defining specific terms relevant to particular articles in those articles. We will submit in writing the terms we propose to be defined under this article. plastics[a][b]” means [...];

(..) “plastic product[c]s” means [...];

(..) “plastic waste” means [...];

(..) “microplastics” means [...];

(..) + “Full life cycle assessment[d]”

(..) + “Full life cycle”

(..) + “Plastic Polymers”

(..) + “Sustainable Production”

(..) + “Sustainable Consumption”

(..) + “Problematic Plastic Produc[e]t[f]”

(..) + “Chemicals of Concern” in plastics

(..) + “Plastic Pollution[g]”[h]

(..) + “Just Transition”

(..) + “Waste Pickers”

(..) + “Legacy[i] Plastic Pollution”