

Article 7. Emissions and releases of plastic throughout its life cycle

Thank you mr. co-chair. As we move forward in our discussions, it is imperative that we maintain transparency and clarity in our negotiations. Our primary objective in this phase of negotiation is to align our positions and address any remaining concerns by building upon the feedback and insights gathered thus far. So As agreed in plenary please go forward to textual negotiation based on compilation text and 3rd iteration of none paper.

We want to support interventions requesting to consider and address article 7 as part of waste management article and also raising questions regarding existing MEAs on emissions and releases for duplication avoidance.

Iran believes that to implement these measures effectively, each party needs to develop and implement national plans tailored to their specific circumstances and capabilities. These plans should align with relevant national environmental regulations.

Parties are encouraged to promote scientific and technical innovation to prevent and capture the leakage of plastic product waste including microplastics, into the marine environment. This can be achieved by implementing necessary measures in accordance with national plans, based on national circumstances and capabilities, and relevant national environmental regulations. By fostering innovation in this area, Parties can work towards reducing the impact of plastic pollution on marine ecosystems and contribute to a more sustainable environment.

Regarding the title of this article, Iran does not accept any references to emissions and release. preferring instead to focus on the releases and emission of plastic products and product waste. Our suggestion for this title is "leakage of Plastic Product Waste".

Also, Since the article 7 of 3rd iteration is not balanced text and very biased, So we support option 2 of compilation text page 30 as below

Each Party subject to its national plan and based upon national circumstances and capabilities and relevant national environmental regulations, is encouraged to regulate plastic products waste leakage, taking into account, as appropriate, the relevant national and international provisions and guidelines.

Also, we would like to suggest removing sub-paragraph 1.a to 1.d because they have been addressed in their relative articles.

And Lastly, It is necessary to define micro and nano plastic based on scientific and technical aspects in the definition article.

Thank you.