## Sri Lanka comments for Article 8: Plastic Waste Management

Sri Lanka emphasize that effective implementation of Article 8 must ensure dedicated financial support and accessible technology transfer for developing countries, enabling them to establish sound infrastructure for plastic waste management and meet treaty obligations.

Without such support mechanisms, progress in reducing global plastic pollution risks being unequal and unjust. We strongly support the adoption of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) frameworks as a means to ensure accountability across the plastic value chain.

Furthermore, the integration and protection of the informal sector particularly waste pickers must be a core element of plastic waste management systems. Their role is vital in the collection, sorting, and recycling of plastic waste, and their inclusion will strengthen both environmental outcomes and social equity.