

## **ARTICLE 9 EXISTING PLASTIC POLLUTION**

South Africa supports the submission made by Nigeria on behalf of the African Group. We are of the view that this article should also pay attention on legacy plastic waste. We believe that the national action plans should be structured in a manner that intends to address both the legacy and current plastic pollution. Some of the proposed interventions under this article should include River clean ups, clearing of illegal dumps, improve waste management collection systems. We support the need to deploy advance technologies to trap and remove plastics from the marine environment. Support should be provided to volunteers, NGOs that are operating in this space. The participation of the private sector should also be encouraged.