BVRio, as a Brazilian/British NGO that works worldwide towards social and environmental positive impacts, supports an ambitious Global Treaty on plastic pollution.

For that purpose we consider the following as essential elements to the instrument:

1- Agreeing to sustainable production levels including the phase out and eventual ban of non-essential plastics (especially single-use plastics) and plastics that have or are suspected to have persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic or endocrine disrupting properties, in order to safeguard intergenerational justice. We therefore strongly support the proposal from Norway, Cook Islands and Rwanda for Annex Part II Provision 2.

2- Increased transparency along international supply chains, including disclosure and labeling of hazardous substances in plastics products.

3- The consideration of a diversity of complementary financing pathways and tools to leverage resources at all levels alongside the full plastic life cycle. The implementation of a mandatory polymer producer fee as proposed by the Minderoo Foundation is a promising funding solution as it endorses the principle of the polluter pays principle, emphasizing the direct correlation between primary plastic production and plastic pollution. Comprehensive mechanisms like this can be complemented by alternative mechanisms including outcome-based financing, which can be tailored to national, regional, or local waste management needs.

4- The effective transfer of resources from the Global North to the Global South in order to enhance national and regional capabilities and strengthen necessary infrastructure development, including recycling plants, sorting centers, and related technologies.

5- The implementation of mandatory EPR systems / schemes in every country, taking into consideration national circumstances and capabilities.

6- The safeguarding of the principles of just transition in EPR systems / schemes through the non-discriminatory inclusion of waste pickers and other marginalized people along the value chain.

Finally, to warrant fairness, integrity and impartiality and a well-balanced negotiation progress, we emphasize the need for an efficiently implemented code of conduct paying particular attention to the effective declaration of potential or perceived conflicts for all negotiating parties.

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute.

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