Chemicals and Polymers of Concern

Thank you, co-facilitator,

In this section, it is foreseen to introduce information and labeling requirements in foreign trade of hazardous chemicals. In this respect, it is envisaged to provide information on the effects of hazardous chemicals on health and the environment, appropriate use for health, waste management and to introduce labeling rules.

In the UNEP report, this approach is characterized as a shift from "no data, no harm" to "no data, no market". Therefore, it is considered that these information requirements may become a market entry rule. In this framework, it is unclear what additions are planned to be made to the existing procedures in the international trade of hazardous chemicals and polymers and how this process will be managed in relation to the Stockholm, Rotterdam and Basel Conventions. It is considered that the regulations to be adopted at the global level with the binding agreement in question should first be regulated within the scope of multilateral conventions such as the BRS Conventions and that developing a dynamic process in the form of adoption of these regulations by the Governing Body of the ILBI would be a more predictable system to be built on the existing one.

Having said that, Turkish delegation would like to inform that the most preferable option for us is the new option 3. On the other hand, a transition period should be determined for new restrictions to be introduced. Registration and certification rules to be introduced should be based on international standards in a way that does not create technical barriers to trade.

In addition to what we said so far, the expressions such as “based on the availability, accessibility and affordability of sustainable alternatives, in particular to developing countries, taking into account their national circumstances and capability.” should be kept as the statement complies with CBDR.

Thank you.