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| Article 11 | I would like to begin by emphasizing the critical role plastics play in |
| | modern society. Plastics are indispensable to our daily lives, |
| Finance, | contributing to vital sectors such as healthcare, food security, |
| including the | transportation, and infrastructure. From enabling safe medical |
| establishment | treatments to reducing material waste and energy consumption, |
| of a financial | plastics drive innovation and support sustainable development. As we |
| mechanism | discuss the challenges of plastic pollution, it is essential to also |
| | recognize their importance and focus on promoting sustainable management and innovative solutions. For example the EV(Electrical |
| | Vehicles made from more than 50% of plastics, it is not practical to stop |
| | production of vehicles because they are made of plastics) |
| | On Financial Mechanisms, we strongly believe that addressing the |
| | challenges of plastic pollution requires equitable support for developing |
| | countries. Developed country Parties shall provide predictable and |
| | adequate financial and technical support, to developing country Parties |
| | In this regard, we must work collaboratively to establish financial mechanisms that are practical, effective, and fair. Such mechanisms |
| | should ensure that developing countries are empowered to fulfill their |
| | commitments under this Instrument without bearing disproportionate |
| | financial burdens. |
| | We hear calls for "expansion of the donor base" There is no base to |
| | begin with. We are confused. |
| | Alignment of financial flows and catalyzing are new concepts that have |
| | not been proven nor established at this scale. To place it in the treaty risks placing the financial mechanism at risk and have no basis. |
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| | Also, the private sector cannot be held accountable to this legal |
| | instrument, as they cannot become Party to this agreement as they are |
| | non-State Actors. Furthermore, the instrument cannot produce international economic and regulatory policies and utilize them as |
| | sources of finance. |
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| As we move forward, I want to reiterate our commitment to working |
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| with all of you to find common ground. Let us strive to bridge our |
| differences, find convergence, and work toward a consensus that |
| ensures this Instrument delivers meaningful outcomes for everyone. |
| Our shared goal is to return to our countries proud of the progress we |
| have made, having reached a balanced and satisfactory agreement that |
| reflects the interests of all Parties. |