

On behalf of the Arab Group submission

Principles

In their actions to achieve the objective of this instrument and to implement its provisions, the Parties shall be guided, inter alia, by the following:

- ii. Right of development is inherent to human right, all peoples have an equal right to matters relating to safe living means, Economic development is the prerequisite for adopting measures to address plastic pollution. Developing countries have a right to grow sustainable consumption to meet social and economic development needs.
- iii. Parties shall respect the principle of sovereignty of States in international cooperation to address the issue of plastics pollution in a facilitative, non-intrusive and non-punitive manner, and avoiding any undue burden being placed on Parties.
- iii. Parties have, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and the principles of international law, the sovereign right to exploit their own resources pursuant to their own environmental and developmental policies, and the responsibility to ensure that activities within their jurisdiction or control do not cause damage to the environment of other States or of areas beyond the limits of national jurisdiction.
- iv. Parties shall protect the environmental system for the benefit of present and future generations of humankind, on the basis of historical responsibility, equity and in accordance with their common but differentiated responsibilities between developed and developing countries, taking into account developed countries' historical contribution to plastic pollution due to high production and consumption levels, industrial activities, and waste management practices.

Parties must ensure measures taken to combat plastic pollution, including unilateral ones, must not introduce trade distortions and constitute a means of arbitrary or unjustifiable discrimination or a disguised restriction on international trade.

- vii. Just and equitable transitions should respect nationally defined development priorities and ensure social and economic protections. This approach aims to mitigate impacts of such transitions, recognizing the diverse pathways needed to address plastic pollution and the differing financial, technical and technological burdens between developed and developing countries.

- viii. Parties that adopt a precautionary approach must be in a cost-effective manner and aligned with national circumstances, capabilities and different socioeconomic context.
- ix. In the implementation of the commitments in this instrument, the Parties shall give full consideration of necessary actions under the Instrument, including actions related to funding, insurance and the transfer of technology, to meet the specific needs and concerns of developing country Parties arising from the adverse effects of plastic pollution and the impact of the implementation of response measures.