

## China's proposed changes on the text of Preamble

The Parties to this Convention,

*Noting with concern* that the high and rapidly increasing levels of plastic pollution, including in the marine environment, represent a serious environmental and human health problem at a global scale, negatively impacting the environmental, social and economic dimensions of sustainable development,

*Recognizing the important role played by plastic in human society,*

*Acknowledging that plastics per se are not pollutants, and that plastic pollution should be addressed in the context of sustainable development,*

*Recognizing* the special circumstances and needs of developing countries, ~~and~~ the disproportionate impact of such plastic pollution on small island developing States and least developed countries, and that sufficient finance, technical assistance and capacity building support should be provided for developing countries,

~~*Recognizing also the important role played by plastic in human society,*~~

~~*Underlining the importance of managing the production and consumption of plastics at sustainable levels, including by promoting resource-efficient design of plastic products and materials so that they can be repaired, reused, remanufactured or recycled and therefore retained, along with the resources they are made of, in the economy for as long as possible, thus minimizing the generation of waste,*~~

*Underlining the importance of sustainable production and consumption of plastics, including by promoting eco-design for reuse and recycling of plastic products and plastics, so that they can be reused or recycled and therefore retained, in the economy for as long as possible, thus increasing resource efficiency and minimizing the generation of waste,*

*Reaffirming* the principles of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, adopted in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1992,

*Recognizing the importance and necessity of international cooperation in addressing plastic pollution, and the principle of national sovereignty in international cooperation,*

Reaffirming that state 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,

Recognizing that Parties, in their actions to achieve the objective of the instrument, shall be guided by the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities between developed and developing countries, taking into account developed countries' historical contribution to plastic pollution,

~~Recalling the determination of the peoples of the United Nations to establish conditions under which justice and respect for the obligations arising from treaties can be maintained,~~

Recognizing the significant contribution made by workers in informal and cooperative settings and small and medium-sized enterprises to the collection, sorting and recycling of plastics in many countries,

~~Having in mind the principles of international law embodied in the Charter of the United Nations, such as the principles of the equal rights and self-determination of peoples, of the sovereign equality and independence of all States, of non-interference in the domestic affairs of States, and of universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all,~~

Recognizing that this Convention and other international agreements in the field of the environment and trade are mutually supportive,

Emphasizing that nothing in this Convention is intended to affect the rights and obligations of any Party deriving from any existing international agreement,

Understanding that the above recital is not intended to create a hierarchy between this Convention and other international instruments,

Noting that nothing in this Convention prevents a Party from taking additional domestic measures consistent with the provisions of this Convention in an effort to protect human health and the environment from plastic pollution in accordance with that Party's other obligations under applicable international law,

Have agreed as follows: