EU+MS submission on articles 15, 16, 17

The EU+MS views are mainly reflected in the Assembled text of 8 August 2025 for articles 13-19. We believe this provides a good starting point for textual negotiations.

Our understanding is that new elements in bold that are not bracketed should be interpreted as being in brackets.

Below are additional elements that we would like to see added to the next iteration of the Assembled text.

Article 15

EU+MS strongly support the ideas captured in paragraph 1-4 of the submission by Bangladesh.

Article 16

The EU+MS, similar to the request for a monitoring programme by Japan (paragraph 3 of the Assembled text), would like to introduce the following wording:

"X. In order to facilitate such evaluation, the Conference of the Parties shall initiate the establishment of arrangements, including the development of standardised indicators, for providing itself with relevant data and information across the entire plastic life cycle."

Article 17

- Paragraph 1: the EU+MS prefer [shall] rather than [are encouraged to]
- Paragraph 2: the EU+MS prefer [shall] rather than [are encouraged to]