Republic of Kenya

Kenya Statement on Fishing Gear

Kenya supports the streamlined text on Fishing Gear. The issue of fishing gear is very key to Kenya. We therefore support option 1 as a good basis of negotiation.

On the placement of the text on Fishing gear, Kenya is of the view that it should remain as a stand-alone aspect under 9 b since it can be adequately managed within waste management.

Kenya supports option 1b on the marking, tracing, tracking and retrieval as well as the provision on the reporting of lost gears to prevent reduce and eliminate abandoned, lost and discarded fishing gear.

Kenya supports option 1c on the promoting the collection and environmentally sound waste management of fishing gear.

On option 1 paragraph 2 Kenya would like to propose the addition of a paragraph d) that reads

d) take measures to foster innovation and incentivize and promote [the research,] the development and use at scale of safe, environmentally sound, and sustainable alternative materials and methods including products, technologies and services, considering their potential for waste reduction and reuse, as well as environmental, economic, social, cultural and human health impacts and any other potential impacts.

Kenya also supports the addition of the utilization of indigenous and traditional knowledge in the realisation of this provision.

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