

IRAN- Article 7- CG2

We would like to support Saudi Arabia's proposal on behalf of LMC. Iran would like to propose a new option with no text and no provisions, as we believe this article overlaps with Articles 3 and 8 and can be addressed under those articles instead.

We also have a specific concern regarding plastic products referred to as intentionally added microplastics. If there is agreement on including them under the article 3 as a plastic product concern, we see no justification for having a separate article focused on their release.

Furthermore, Article 8 on Waste Management can be used to address any leakages or releases to the environment in an environmentally sound manner. Therefore, we believe the objectives of the article 7 are already covered.

Additionally, we would like to draw your attention to the fact that a significant portion of microplastic release and leakage occurs during the consumption phase. According to available statistics, the major sources are car tires and textiles, both of which fall outside the scope of the current instrument.