Mexico’s proposal for Objective and Principles

Part I. 2 Objective.

A text that could encompass the relevant elements for Mexico would be the following:

*The objective of this instrument is to end plastic pollution, including in the marine environment, based on a comprehensive approach that addresses the full life cycle of plastic, in order to protect human health and the environment and to achieve sustainable development.*

We are flexible in including elements such as just transition, the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities as well as financial and technical support.


Mexico considers that principles should guide the implementation of the instrument so principles should be in the front of the text.

MEXICO supports the GRULAC position as established at INC-3. This is referenced in the regional official text proposal submission for Contact Group 1 at INC-3.

We strongly support the list of principles submitted by GRULAC. Specifically, we consider it important to prioritize those related to the human right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment, health, the rights of Indigenous Peoples, just transition, and a gender perspective.

Moreover, we would like to see the Rio Declaration principles reflected. We can be flexible on stating them in general or listing those that are particularly relevant such as the precautionary principle, transparency, access to information and public participation; Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), CBDR, among others.

Mexico stresses the use of the best available science, including traditional knowledge and knowledge of Indigenous Peoples.

We also consider that international instruments must recognise the Importance of addressing gender equality and women’s and girls’ empowerment in their implementation programmes and have consequently developed individual gender action plans to support States parties, so we support the gender perspective as a guiding principle.

Finally, we would like to see the hierarchy of plastic as a principle.