Part I.5: Scope

Thank you, co-facilitators.

Malaysia views that the scope of the instrument should be in line with UNEA Resolution 5/14, which is to end plastic pollution, including in the marine environment, through the full life cycle approach. The full life cycle of plastic should start at the stages of product design.

It should exclude the stages of extraction and processing of primary raw materials as well as the stages related to virgin polymer production, since no plastic pollution is generated at these stages of production, and raw materials can be also used for production of other non-plastic products.

It is also important that elements of socio-economic impact and just transition be taken into consideration in the scope.

Malaysia is of the view that driving circularity should be the core of the instrument to ensure plastics can be effectively collected and kept in the loop for as long as possible to reduce plastics waste generation and eventually, end plastics pollution.

In this regard, Malaysia supports Option 4 of the streamlined text as the basis of moving the negotiations forward.

Thank you.

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