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Part II.5: Product design, composition and performance

[5 (a)]

On Product Design and Performance, Malaysia views this provision as critical for us to transform the way plastics are being produced. With the right product design criteria, we can ensure that the plastics which we produce and use in the future have minimal environmental impacts and effects on human health.

We would like to emphasise the importance of this provision to allow standards and criteria for product design to be nationally-determined, with an overarching global guidance. This would ensure that future production of plastics is better, safer and circular.

One criteria which is of utmost importance for Malaysia is the incorporation of minimum recycled content in plastics products, which will also be further discussed under item 5(c).

Malaysia would like to thank the co-facilitators for the hard work in streamlining the text and we view that Option 2 would be a good basis for further negotiation.

[Next, 5 (b)]

On "Reduce, Reuse, Refill, and Repair" mechanisms, Malaysia advocates for a nationally determined approach. It is crucial to tailor these mechanisms to each country’s unique context, considering safety concerns, especially pertaining to food and drinking water.

The imperative for repair and refurbishment extends beyond intent—it requires a transfer of technology and technical capacity from producing countries to consuming nations. Without this knowledge exchange, our efforts to mitigate waste will be significantly hindered. Moreover, if the processes for repairing and refurbishing products remain exclusive to specific producers, particularly those beyond national
territories, the accessibility to repair these items becomes hard and costly.

[Next, 5 (c)]

On the use of recycled plastic contents, Malaysia is of the view that the determination of percentages must be nationally-driven, tailored to each country's unique circumstances. The specific percentage delineated in the Annex should factor in Minimum Post-Consumer Recycled (MPCR) content, aligned with existing national targets.

Thank you.

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