Philippine Submission on Preamble

Inclusion of Health in PP2 and PP6

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PP2. Acknowledging the important role played by plastics in human society, and stressing the importance of establishing effective mechanisms [throughout the plastic lifecycle] [for waste management] to promote [safe] plastic circularity and prevent leakage of plastics in the environment, and to protect human health.

PP6. [Recognizing that this Convention and other international agreements, **including** those in the fields of health, trade and environment are mutually supportive,

Rationale:

Including "health" in PP6 ensures that the Convention's implementation will be read in harmony with international health agreements, avoiding duplication of efforts and promoting mutual supportiveness across regimes. Advances in health science, standards, and guidance — such as those developed under the WHO — can provide critical evidence for identifying harmful products, assessing risks, and guiding preventive measures.

Recognizing these linkages in the preamble helps ensure that evolving public health knowledge is systematically considered, making treaty measures more effective and responsive over time.