SUBGROUP 1.3

PART II 8 – Emissions and releases of plastic throughout its life cycle

We support Option 1 in particular that each party:

- Shall take measures to prevent and reduce, with a view toward elimination, of emissions from plastics across their life cycle, including from extraction and production, to the environment, with assessment of trends of emissions and releases, taking into consideration national circumstances and capacities of developing countries.

We agree that emissions and releases should include all environmental aspects and across the life cycle, in particular:

- Emissions of any plastic pollution including microplastics to air and workplaces throughout the value chain
- Releases to soil and water from production, transportation of chemicals and polymers of concern, plastics and plastic products
- Spills of chemical and other toxic exposures during extraction and production of plastics
- Minimization of microplastic generation and generation of hazardous chemicals

We also agree with Option 1 #4 on adoption of guidelines to facilitate implementation, including sector-specific best available techniques and best environmental practices.

We agree with Option 1 #5 on a cooperation mechanism to promote scientific and technical innovation.

We also suggest incorporating elements of Option 2, in particular:

- National plans but as linked to global targets
- Assessment of the need as well as mobilization of financial resources and technology transfer for each country

We also see value in retaining soft obligations in OP1bis and OP1ter on organizing appropriate systems of environmental regulation as well as adoption of national laws to address impacts to environment and health, but we believe these could be further streamlined, noting the non-mandatory character.

In OP2quart on fishing gear, we understand that will be taken up later jointly with Subgroup 1.2 but we express appreciation for the streamlining efforts and emphasize the importance that we accord to this issue, which is a serious marine pollution problem that needs to be prioritized in this treaty.

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