

Submission of Brazil on a stand-alone article on Principles

Brazil proposes that a stand-alone article on principles be negotiated before the consideration of the Preamble.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

In order to achieve the objectives of this Agreement, the following principles apply:

- (a) The implementation of this agreement will be guided by the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment;
- (b) Parties should, when taking action to address plastic pollution, respect, also promote and uphold their respective obligations on human rights, including, *inter alia*, the right to health, the rights of indigenous peoples, and the rights of workers such as waste pickers;
- (c) In fulfilling their obligations to end plastic pollution and to protect the environment and human health, for the benefit of present and future generations, Parties will be guided by equity and by their common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities;
- (d) Parties have, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and the principles of international law, the sovereign right to exploit their own resources pursuant to their own environmental policies, and the responsibility to ensure that activities in their territory do not cause damage to the environment and human health;
- (e) Parties acknowledge that nothing in this Convention is intended to affect the rights and obligations of any Party deriving from any existing international agreement;
- (f) Parties are committed to ensure that measures taken to implement this Convention shall not create unnecessary obstacles to international trade. Such measures shall not be applied in a manner which would constitute a means of arbitrary or unjustifiable discrimination between countries where the same conditions prevail, or a disguised restriction on international trade.