Kenya statement on Problematic plastics statement.

Kenya aligns with the statement delivered by Ghana on behalf of the African Group and appreciates the provision of the streamlined text as availed by the co-facilitators.

For problematic plastic products, Kenya supports Option 1 as providing sufficient basis for negotiations noting it’s ambitious nature that also gives room for international cooperation and references the socio-economic impacts of problematic products.

At the domestic front, Kenya has identified problematic plastic products and either banned or restricted their use and, on this basis, supports the need to develop the criteria for identifying the problematic plastics that prioritizes human, animal and planetary health based on scientific evidence within this instrument. The need to have set dates for phase out should also be reflected in the annex B of the instrument. For the purpose of developing the criteria for problematic plastics, Kenya is in favour of an open-ended technical working group and welcomes the proposed list by Switzerland as a basis for further negotiation.

On intentionally added microplastics, Kenya supports option 1 as a basis for negotiations and further emphasizes the provision reflected in options 2 & 3 on the reporting mechanisms for intentionally added microplastics in both the National Action Plans and the online registry established in [Part IV.6 on information exchange].

I thank you

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