

Submission of the Russian Federation

PREAMBLE

“The Parties to this Convention,

Noting with concern that the high and rapidly increasing levels of plastic pollution, including in the marine environment, represent a serious environmental and human health problem at a global scale, negatively impacting the environmental, social and economic dimensions of sustainable development,

[Recognizing the importance of creation, improvement and maintenance of waste management systems, including collecting, sorting, recycling, utilization and disposal of plastic waste, in combating plastic pollution,]

Recognizing the special circumstances and needs of developing countries, and the disproportionate impact of such plastic pollution on small island developing States,

Recognizing also the important role played by plastic **[products]** in human society, **[economy, trade, industrial development as well as in ensuring food security, maintaining healthcare, and fulfilling Sustainable Development Goals as set out in General Assembly Resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015,]**

Underlining the importance of ~~managing the production and consumption of plastics at sustainable levels, including by promoting resource-efficient~~ **[promoting the]** design of plastic products ~~and materials~~ so that they can be repaired, reused, remanufactured or recycled and therefore retained, along with the resources they are made of, in the economy for as long as possible, thus minimizing the generation of waste,

[Underlining the importance of development of technologies, including technologies for recycling of plastic waste, as well as the need of technology transfer in order to minimize waste generated,]

Reaffirming the principles of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, adopted in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1992,

[Recalling the determination of the peoples of the United Nations to establish conditions under which justice and respect for the obligations arising from treaties **[and other sources of international law]** can be maintained,]

Recognizing the significant contribution made by workers in informal and cooperative settings to the collection, sorting and recycling of plastics **[waste]** in many countries,

Having in mind the principles of international law embodied in the Charter of the United Nations, such as the principles of the equal rights and self-determination of peoples, of the sovereign equality and independence of all States, of non-interference in the domestic affairs of States, and of universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all,

Recognizing that this Convention and other international agreements in the field of the environment ~~and trade~~ are mutually supportive,

Emphasizing that nothing in this Convention is intended to affect the rights and obligations of any Party deriving from any existing international agreement,

Understanding that the above recital is not intended to create a hierarchy between this Convention and other international instruments,

Noting that nothing in this Convention prevents a Party from taking additional domestic measures consistent with the provisions of this Convention in an effort to ~~protect human health and the environment from~~ **[address]** plastic pollution in accordance with that Party's other obligations under applicable international law,

Have agreed as follows:"