Sub Group1.2 Part II 4: Exemptions- UK Intervention

4. Exemptions

Thank you, Mr co-facilitator.

The UK supports the inclusion of an exemptions article and the broad approach set out by the EU. We believe the process should be transparent and underpinned by evidence to identify and grant exemptions to meet members’ needs. It should also set out clear time frames for how long exemptions are granted and be regularly reviewed.

We remain open and flexible to how the treaty could grant exemptions and we believe it could, as mentioned by others, draw on existing MEAs. An exemption article like the one in Minamata Article 6, as others have cited, could be a good basis to start discussions.

However, as many others have said we look forward to discussing exemptions in more detail when we have a clearer understanding of the restrictions this treaty may introduce.

Thank you