Member : Sri Lanka

Subject : Part 11 - 8 – Emissions and releases of Plastics throughout its lifecycle.

Sri Lanka would like to brought attention to the significant issue we have experienced with the express pearl accident happened and caused releasing of plastic pellet spills into the sea, which constitute the largest accidents of their kind worldwide. So this shows the spills are not confined solely to the processes of plastic extraction and production but also occur during transportation or transshipment activities at various stages of the plastic's lifecycle. Consequently, we assert that the establishment of national, regional, and international regulatory frameworks is imperative to effectively address this kind of accidents and disasters may be due to man-made or Natural.

We advocate for the inclusion of a provision within this treaty specifically targeting the mitigation of such disasters, encompassing both intentional and unintentional incidents. Furthermore, we propose legal drafting group to assess the interlinkages between this treaty and other relevant conventions pertaining to transboundary movement and managing disasters and ensure to address the release of plastics resulting from disasters and accidents comprehensively and effectively as appropriate in the text of the treaty.