Statement by Norway in SG 1.3 on Part 2.7 Extended Producer Responsibility

Norway supports a globally binding article on EPR in the plastics treaty. It would be a missed opportunity to have no provisions on this matter.

We note the interventions by a number of delegations, including the delegation of Brazil, referring to national capacities and circumstances that may differ from country to country, implying that it could be challenging for some member states to establish EPR systems.

Norway would be willing to consider introducing some flexibility in the EPR provision, without losing the globally binding aspect. For now, we’ll settle for the text that’s in the draft article, but we’d like to come back to this point about flexibility at a later stage.