

Thailand's comment on Article 7 releases and linkages

Thailand supports the proposal put forward by Panama and the United Kingdom, with the following considerations:

1. **Regarding paragraph 1**, Thailand supports the restructuring of the chapeau and the inclusion of the phrase “**across the plastics lifecycle**”, as measures should address plastic pollution at all stages of a product's lifespan, including microplastics.
2. **In paragraph 1(b)**, it may be appropriate to include **fibres** in the list of plastic releases and leakages, as fibres from textiles are a significant source of microplastic pollution.
3. **With respect to national circumstances and capabilities**, Thailand notes that there is currently no international governance framework that covers the full lifecycle of plastic fishing and aquaculture gear related to **Abandoned, Lost, or Discarded Fishing Gear (ALDFG)**. However, the absence of such a framework should not be used to justify weak commitments or delayed progress. Since fishing gear is a transboundary issue, **global action is essential** to effectively reduce **Abandoned, Lost, or Discarded Fishing Gear**.