

Thailand's comment on Article 8 Plastic waste management.

Thailand supports the principle outlined in **Article 8**, which encourages Parties to implement **environmentally sound plastic waste management measures**, guided by relevant international agreements. We offer the following comments:

Paragraph 1

- Thailand supports retaining the word “**shall**” as proposed in the Chair’s text, to strengthen the level of commitment.
- We also support the inclusion of “**the waste hierarchy**” as a key guiding principle for effective plastic waste management.

Paragraph 2

- Thailand proposes the inclusion of text to support the development of **reuse and refill systems**, which are essential for achieving effective plastic waste reduction.
- In **paragraph 2(b)**, we suggest it be read as:

(b) Promote circular economy approaches through the establishment and maintenance of **toxic-free** reuse, refill, repair, and other reduction-enabling systems, based on **local practices and indigenous knowledge systems**.

- To ensure the success of these approaches, it is important to **set clear objectives and national targets** for the implementation of reuse systems. Therefore, we propose the following revision to **paragraph 2(c)**:

(c) Set objectives and targets at the national level to **implement reuse systems and increase the collection and recycling rates** of plastic waste.

- In **paragraph 2(f)**, we support the promotion of a **just transition** and the inclusion of key stakeholders in reduction-enabling systems. We suggest the paragraph be read as:

(f) ~~[(Promote)]~~ **Ensure a just transition and the inclusion into the return, take-back and other reduction-enabling systems** for plastic waste management workers, especially waste pickers and other ~~[(informal workers,)]~~ **workers in informal and cooperative settings**, including women, youth and small and artisanal fishers;