

Thailand's comment on Article 9 Existing plastic pollution

Paragraph 1

Thailand supports the Chair's text and as amended by Palau on behalf of the AOSIS which remains the title as "Existing Plastic Pollution" rather than "Legacy Plastic Pollution."

In the chapeau, we align with others in supporting the use of "**shall**" instead of "**should**", to strengthen the commitment.

Regarding the phrase "**in a nationally determined manner**," as proposed by the LMCs and the Arab Group, Thailand is concerned that such wording may undermine the effectiveness of the treaty.

We believe that this Article should not make reference to **historical responsibility** which still has no ground under international law.

Furthermore, there is no need to add the affirmation of **the Rio Principles and Common but Differentiated Responsibilities (CBDR)** in this Article, as these are already clearly reflected in the **Preamble** of the treaty.

In sub paragraph b), we support the choice of "**ecologically sensitive manner**" rather than only "environmentally sound".

Paragraph 2

To implement any activities under paragraph 1, cooperation from all stakeholders is essential. Therefore, Thailand proposes the addition of "**artisanal or small-scale fishers**" in paragraph 2(c), following "local communities," so that the text would read as follows:

"(c) Promote the **inclusive** engagement of Indigenous Peoples, local communities, **artisanal or small-scale fishers**, civil society, scientists, and the private sector, as appropriate and foster the exchange of relevant technologies, experiences and lessons learned"

However, Thailand remains flexible if the term "local communities" is understood and interpreted to already include artisanal or small-scale fishers.