

Thailand's comment on Article 19 Health

We would like to echo the esteemed delegate from Kenya. Regarding the UNEA5/14, it says clearly that one of the objectives of the treaty is to prevent plastic pollution and its related risks to human health and adverse effects on human well-being and the environment. So we strongly believe that this Convention needs to have a standalone provision to address this issue.

If you compare to the Minamata Convention, which is the latest treaty on chemicals and pollutions - there is also a standalone provision to address health concerns resulting from Mercury. Rather than creating legal fragmentation, having the article on health would rather help harmonize international law in implementing environmental treaty by taking into account health frameworks.