Thailand intervention on Part II.8

Emissions and releases of plastic pollution throughout the entire life cycle of plastics

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Part II

8. Emissions and releases of plastic pollution throughout the entire life cycle of plastics

Thailand is that views of the option 1, our most preferable option is a basis of discussion. Therefore, Thailand proposed title and texts of Part II.8 emissions and releases would be read as follows:

1. Each Party shall take measures to prevent and where feasible eliminate the emissions and releases to the environment, taking into account, as appropriate, the relevant provisions and guidance agreed in the framework of international organizations such as the International Maritime Organization, of any plastic pollutions, among others, plastics and plastic products, plastic polymers, chemical pollutants, plastic pellets, flakes and powder, including microplastics, across the entire life cycle of plastics, from the source categories identified in annex E. The emissions and releases covered under this provision should include:

   a. Emissions to air of any plastic pollution mentioned above, including microplastics;

   b. Releases to soil and water, and any other ecosystems of any plastic pollution mentioned above, including microplastics, to air, soil, and water, and other ecosystems.

2. The measures taken to implement the provisions of this article shall be reflected in the national plan communicated pursuant to [Part IV.1 on national plans].

3. The governing body*, at its first session, shall adopt guidelines, including where relevant, sectoral guidelines, to facilitate implementation of [the obligations set out in paragraph 1, including emission and effluent standards, sector-specific best available techniques and best environmental practices on preventing emissions and releases, and best available techniques and best environmental practices to capture and remove plastic pollution, including microplastics from freshwater bodies, the marine environment and any other ecosystems.

4. Each Party shall promote scientific and technical innovation to prevent and capture any releases of any plastic pollutions mentioned in paragraph 1, including microplastics, into the marine and other environment.

In addition, we would also support Samoa and Tuvalu’s proposal to include Para 6 of Option 2 in these provision.

Option 2

6. There shall be an assessment of the need as well as mobilization of financial resources and technology transfer for each country in order to nationally driven commitments under this provision.