Thailand intervention on Part II.9a Plastic Waste management

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Part II

9. Waste management
   a. Plastic Waste management

Thailand supports Part II.9a entitled “Plastic Waste Management” and the options 1 of co-facilitators’ streamlined texts as a basis of discussion by taking into account the flexibility of timebound in achieving the relevant target rates for Parties are in need. Our textual proposal will be share as follows:

1. Each Party shall take effective measures to ensure that plastic waste is managed safe and environmentally sound manner.

2. Each Party shall meet the requirements, including where relevant through a sectoral approach, for minimum safe and environmentally sound collection, recycling and disposal rates, set out in part I of annex F, taking into account relevant provisions, guidance and guidelines in accordance with relevant arrangements under other international agreements, inter alia, the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, as appropriate.

3. The governing body* shall, where necessary, adopt requirements, guidance and guidelines for the implementation of the provisions in paragraph 2, additional or complementary to the relevant guidance and guidelines developed under other international agreements mentioned above.

4. Each Party shall not allow waste management practices listed in part III of annex F that may lead to the emissions and releases of hazardous substances, and shall regulate the other allowed waste management practices that may lead to the emissions and releases of the hazardous substances listed in part IV of annex F.

5. Each Party shall take the necessary measures to prevent open dumping, ocean dumping, littering and open burning of plastic waste.

6. Parties shall take additional measures to:
   a. Invest in waste management systems and infrastructure that enable environmentally sound management of plastic waste;
   b. Promote investment and mobilize resources from all sources to cover financing gaps for waste management systems and infrastructure that enable environmentally sound management of plastic waste and enhance waste management capacity, in light of current and expected waste generation levels;
   c. Incentivize behavioural changes throughout the value chain; and
   d. Raise consumer awareness on sustainable consumption as well as the critical roles of all stakeholders in reducing plastic waste and supporting recycling, taking into account the waste hierarchy.
7. 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].