

Thank you, Co-Chair,

In relation to PP1ter, we propose a minor yet meaningful amendment. Specifically, after the circular economy approaches” we suggest adding “and zero waste initiatives,” so the text would read:

“... towards waste reduction, as well as circular economy approaches and zero waste initiatives.”

This addition reflects the growing international recognition of zero waste as a complementary policy to circular economy approaches. Zero waste movement has demonstrated significant results in reducing plastic pollution and promoting sustainable consumption patterns.

On the other hand, we would like to emphasize the importance of references to the Rio Declaration.

The sovereign right of States to exploit their own resources pursuant to their environmental and developmental policies is a fundamental principle for us and must be fully preserved. In light of existing differences, flexibility should be provided in the implementation of the agreement, taking into account the capacities of countries. Therefore, we support keeping the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities in the preamble.

We welcome the provision allowing Parties to adopt additional measures under their domestic legislation, as well as the language ensuring that the agreement will not create a new hierarchy among international agreements and will be supportive.

Furthermore, we believe that a separate, cross-cutting and operational article addressing the trade implications of the implementation of the obligations under this convention is essential. In that sense, we support Brazil’s proposal reflected in the article 23bis.