

## United Kingdom submission on Article 8: Plastic Waste Management

The UK believes that the text under Article 8 of the Chair's non paper provides a good basis for negotiations.

We are pleased to see that paragraph 1 provides a clear obligation on parties to ensure that waste is managed in an environmentally sound manner, which the UK believes is crucial. This paragraph aligns well with language agreed under the Minamata Convention, making appropriate reference to the Basel Convention.

We support the changes proposed in the submission made by the EU, including the moving of many of the measures listed under paragraph 2 to paragraph 1, as these are necessary in achieving environmentally sound waste management.

In line with the interventions of many others including the US, the UK believes that any text on resource mobilisation is better covered under discussions on finance and Means of Implementation. We therefore propose the deletion of paragraph 2 (a) of the Chair's non paper.

On EPR, the UK would support a specific paragraph based on that submitted by the EU. This could be a standalone article or, in the interest of aligning with the Chair's non paper, a new paragraph within Article 8.

Finally, on paragraphs 3, 4 and 5, we echo the views of many others that this is already regulated under the Basel Convention, and so we support deletion of these paragraphs. Leaving these issues to discussions under Basel would have the benefits of avoiding regulatory confusion for all stakeholders, along with not duplicating work covered by an existing Multilateral Environmental Agreement.