

INC-5.2 Proposal of the United States of America

Preamble

The Parties to this Convention,

Noting with concern that the high and rapidly increasing levels of plastic pollution, including in the marine environment, represent a serious environmental and human health problem, negatively impacting the environmental, social and economic dimensions of sustainable development, **(NO EDITS)**

Acknowledging the important role played by plastics in human society, and stressing the importance of establishing effective mechanisms throughout the plastic lifecycle to promote plastic circularity and prevent leakage of plastics in the environment, **(NO EDITS)**

Recognizing the significant contribution made by all workers in the plastics sector, especially those that are in informal and cooperative settings and small and medium-sized enterprises, to the collection, sorting and recycling of plastics in many countries, **(NO EDITS)**

Underlining the importance of science-based decision-making and the contributions of scientific, economic, social, and technical information, ~~including traditional knowledge and indigenous knowledge systems,~~ for the implementation of measures to reduce plastic pollution and to improve the understanding of the full life cycle of plastics and of the global impact of plastic pollution and measures to address them,

~~*Reaffirming* the principles of~~ ***Recalling*** the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, adopted in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1992, ~~including, *inter alia*, the principle of common but differentiated responsibility and respective capabilities, sustainable development and the sovereign right of states to exploit their own resources pursuant to their own environmental and developmental policies,~~

Recognizing that this Convention and other international agreements in the field of the environment are mutually supportive, **(NO EDITS)**

Emphasizing that nothing in this Convention is intended to affect the rights and obligations of any Party deriving from any existing international agreement, **(NO EDITS)**

Understanding that the above recital is not intended to create a hierarchy between this Convention and other international instruments, **(NO EDITS)**

~~*Noting the importance of taking into account national circumstances and capabilities in the implementation of relevant provisions of this Convention.*~~

Noting that nothing in this Convention prevents a Party from taking additional domestic measures consistent with the provisions of this Convention in an effort to address plastic pollution in accordance with that Party's other obligations under applicable international law, **(NO EDITS)**

Have agreed as follows: **(NO EDITS)**