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Our NGO specializes in the field of transparency, anti-corruption and transnational organized corruption crimes, including corruption crimes related to the environment and climate.

Therefore, our participation focuses on this area specifically, and we try to contribute our proposals and interventions to make this new international instrument more effective in reducing the spread of corruption related to combating plastic pollution, including pollution of the seas with plastic, and to be a turning point to enhance transparency in national legislation and regional agreements related to preserving environment and climate.

I. Substantive elements

1 - Proposed goal "Enhancing transparency and reducing incidents of corruption, organized crime and violations against humanity related to plastic industries and waste"

Whenever a new international agreement or even national laws are issued to protect the environment and climate, we create new opportunities to practice corruption and organized crime, and create more corrupt people in our societies and our planet, due to the new restrictions imposed by those agreements and the consequent attempts to circumvent those restrictions by resorting to practices Corrupt or establishing transnational criminal networks that illegally engage in those activities prohibited by international conventions
Numerous reports, studies and conferences have revealed a sharp rise in incidents of corruption and crimes related to plastic waste and its illegal trade. It is certain that the issuance of a new legally binding international agreement regarding plastic pollution and sea pollution will lead to an increase in the spread of corruption and crimes in this field. Therefore, we suggest that one of the main objectives of this agreement is not to leave room for the spread of corruption and transnational organized crime that may spread as a result of the application of this agreement.

2. Core obligations, control measures and voluntary approaches:

With regard to the goal that we have proposed, there is a set of regulatory and voluntary commitments and measures that would provide a comprehensive approach to achieving the goal, namely:

- We propose the establishment of a subsidiary UN body within the United Nations Environment Program to monitor plastic waste and marine plastic pollution and exchange information on it.
- Including clauses in the new agreement that clarify the role that United Nations bodies must contribute to combating corruption, organized crime, and crimes against humanity related to plastic industries and waste (such as International Interpol, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, and others)
- State parties are required to establish under this agreement (or designate) a government body concerned with controlling the production, processing and use of plastic products, as well as for regulating plastic waste.
- Encouraging the state parties to establish adequate coordination and cooperation mechanisms between government agencies concerned with the implementation of the Convention (including those concerned with the marine environment and oversight and anti-corruption agencies).

لذلك نقترح أن يكون أحد الأهداف الرئيسية لهذه الاتفاقية هو عدم ترك المجال لتفشى الفساد والجرائم المنظمة عبر الوطنية التي قد تنتشر نتيجة تطبيق هذه الاتفاقية.

2. الالتزامات الأساسية وتدابير الرقابة والنهج الطوعية

فيما يتعلق بالهدف الذي اقترحه فان هناك مجموعة من الالتزامات والتدابير الرقابية والطوعية التي من شأنها أن تؤثر نهجاً شاملاً لتحقيق الهدف وهي:

- نقترح تأسيس هيئة أممية فرعية ضمن برنامج الأمم المتحدة للبيئة وذلك لرصد وتعليمبلاستيكي والتلوث البحري بالبلاستيكي وتتبادل المعلومات بشأنها
- تضمن الاتفاقية الجديدة بنوداً توضح الدور الذي يجب أن تلعبه الهيئة التي تأسست من أجل مكافحة الفساد والجرائم المنظمة في الافعال والجرائم ضد الإنسانية المتصلة بالصناعات والمخلفات البلاستيكي (مثل الإنترنت الدولي ومكتب الأمم المتحدة لحقوق الإنسان وضخم الجنس البشري
- يتوجب على الدول الأطراف أن تتسرع في هذا الإتفاقية (أو أن تحدد) هيئة حكومية معنية برقابة الإنتاج والتصنيع والاستخدام للمستويات البلاستيكي وكذلك لتتنظيم النفايات البلاستيكي
- تشجيع الدول الأطراف على وضع أطيان تنسيق وتعاون كافية بين الجهات الحكومية المعنية بتنفيذ الإتفاقية (بما في ذلك الجهات المعنية بالبيئة البحري وآجزة الرقابة والمحاسبة والشفافية)
- إزام الدول الأطراف على تحديث القوانين والتشريعات الوطنية بما يحقق تجريم الوقائع والجرائم ذات الصلة بال теплоت والتفاوات البلاستيكي وتدوين البحري بالبلاستيكي
- وضع أنظمة وأنظمة فاعلة للإبلاغ عن وفائق الفساد والجرائم المتصلة بالبلاستيكي وتدوين البحري وتحديد الجهة الحكومية المعنية بإصدارها تلك البلاغات والتعامل معها.
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- Oblige the state parties to update national laws and legislation in order to criminalize the corrupt and criminal incidents and practices related to plastic pollution and waste and the pollution of the seas with plastic.
- Establishing effective systems and mechanisms for reporting incidents of corruption and crimes related to plastic pollution and pollution of the seas, and identifying the government agency concerned with receiving and dealing with such reports.
- Adopting suitable and applicable measurement standards and indicators to reduce plastic pollution and pollution of the seas with plastic, and they include measurement standards and indicators to reduce the incidence of corruption and the associated organized crimes.

II. Implementation elements

1. Implementation measures

   - Invite the state parties to include in their national plans and strategies to combat plastic pollution programs to combat corruption and crimes related to plastic industries and their waste.
   - Oblige the state parties to establish a comprehensive and transparent information system on the plastic industries, including plastic waste, and the resulting environmental, economic and criminal impacts.
   - Encouraging the state parties to sign bilateral agreements to exchange information and data on corruption incidents and organized crimes related to industries and plastic waste, as well as to extradite and prosecute criminals and confiscate assets obtained from related crimes.

2- Means of Implementation

   a) Measures required to support the instrument's implementation of the objective

      - Invite the state parties to qualify local cadres and national centers to monitor plastic pollution and sea pollution therein, and to train investigators and investigative journalists to uncover crimes and corruption incidents associated with plastic pollution.

   b) Means of Implementation

      - Establishment of mechanisms and systems to inform the public about the effectiveness of the measures taken to combat plastic pollution and corruption, and to raise awareness of the importance of reducing plastic pollution and pollution of the seas with plastic.

   - Establishing effective mechanisms to monitor and evaluate the implementation of the instrument, including establishing a committee of experts to monitor and evaluate the implementation of the instrument.

   - Establishing a system to report violations of the instrument, including establishing a system to receive and process complaints and reports of violations of the instrument.

   - Establishing a system to record and store information related to violations of the instrument, including establishing a system to record and store information related to violations of the instrument.
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- Encouraging the state parties to use modern digital and technological systems in monitoring and following up at all stages of production, trade and disposal of plastic products.
- Encourage the state parties to exchange technical and technological assistance that contribute to combating plastic pollution and pollution of the seas, as well as combating related crimes.

III. Additional input

- Oblige the state parties to establish special funds for social responsibility returns on companies that engage in profitable activities related to the production, manufacture and trade of plastic and its waste. This is to support initiatives, activities, research and non-governmental organizations aimed at combating plastic pollution and related crimes, and to issue national laws and regulations that regulate this.
- Invite the state parties to establish research centers specialized in the field of plastic and its waste and related crimes, and encourage joint research programs at the national, regional and international levels.
- Encouraging and supporting civil society organizations, community initiatives, and the media that practice monitoring and community oversight of plastic industries and their waste.

Sincere regards

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- تشجيع الدول الأطراف على استخدام أنظمة معلوماتية متطورة في مراقبة واستلام التقارير والتحري عن انتهاكات حقوق الإنسان، وذلك لتعزيز مكافحة الفساد والتجارة الدولية.
- تشجيع الدول الأطراف على تبادل المساعدات التقنية والتكنولوجية التي تسهم في مكافحة التلوث البلاستيكي وتلوث البحار بها وكذلك في مكافحة الجرائم المرتبطة بها.

ثالثا: مدخلات إضافية

- تشجيع الدول الأطراف لتأسيس صناديق خاصة بعوائد المسؤولية المجتمعية على الشركات التي تمارس أنشطة تتعلق بالتجارة والصناعة البلاستيكية ومخالفاتها، وذلك لدعم المبادرات والأنشطة البحثية والتطويرية غير الحكومية الهادفة إلى مكافحة التلوث البلاستيكي والجرائم المرتبطة بها، وإصدار قوانين وطنية ودولية تنظيمية تنظم ذلك.
- دعوة الدول الأطراف إلى تأسيس مراكز أبحاث متخصصة في مجال البلاستيك والمواد المتشابهة به، وتشجيع البرامج البحثية المشتركة على المستويات الوطنية والإقليمية والدولية.
- تشجيع ودعم منظمات المجتمع المدني والمبادرات المجتمعية ووسائل الإعلام التي تمارس الرصد والرقابة المجتمعة علىصناعات البلاستيكية ومخلفاتها.

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