Options 1-3

Dear Mr. Chair,

I am speaking on behalf of UN Women’s MG on objectives, HEJSupport, SSNC and groundWorkSouth Africa.

We have comments to all four core obligations discussed today: with the focus on transparency and traceability requirements for information about chemicals and polymers in plastics because such requirements are the foundation stone of this treaty. To save time we would like to focus on core obligation 3.

We support the need to keep options for increasing transparency in the elements of the zero draft in Options 3b (i) and (ii). We support the need to increase transparency through globally harmonized approach but we do not support limiting transparency to national requirements. Making disclosure requirements consistent with national laws and not harmonized globally will complicate verification checks and put an additional burden on countries weak in resources. Intersessional work should start to discuss how to develop a mandatory and globally harmonized chemical transparency mechanism for the plastic treaty and how to link it to traceability requirements for chemicals in individual products, including those for women.

Detailed information about harmonized transparency mechanism for chemicals in manufactured solid materials and products is available at https://www.globalchemicaltransparency.org/

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