Brazil believes that the instrument should have an independent article on cross-cutting principles, which should guide Parties in their implementation of the whole instrument.

Brazil would like to propose the following principles to be included in the instrument:

PRINCIPLES TO BE INCLUDED IN THE INSTRUMENT:

- The promotion and protection of human rights;
- The protection of the environment;
- Responsible consumption and production;
- The right to sustainable development;
- Common but differentiated responsibilities, in accordance with Principle 7 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development;
- Trade policy measures for environmental purposes should not constitute a means of arbitrary or unjustifiable discrimination or a disguised restriction on international trade, in accordance with Principle 12 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development;
- Diversity;
- Precautionary approach according to national capabilities, and as stated in Principle 15 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development;
- Polluter-pays principle;
- Shared responsibility for the life cycle of the product;
- Full consideration of specific needs, special circumstances and local capabilities of developing countries;
- Intergenerational equity;
- Gender and social equality;
- The use of best available science;
- The knowledge of indigenous peoples and local knowledge systems;
- Fair transition, including an inclusive transition for waste-pickers and other workers in the plastics value chain;
- The recognition of reusable and recyclable solid waste as an economic resource with social value;
- Access to new, additional, adequate, predictable and easily accessible financial resources to developing countries.