Chile Statement

Contact group 1

Primary plastic polymers

With respect to this provision, the instrument should provide a clear definition of the term “primary plastic polymer” since as highlighted in the technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of plastic wastes adopted by COP 16 of the Basel Convention in its Decision BC-16/4 the term includes a great variety of materials should be clear on the materials covered by the control measures.

Chile notes that a precise definition of this term is key for understanding the scope of the proposed regulation and options.

Chile supports the wording established in paragraph 1, as a country, we consider that the States Parties should have the possibility of taking the necessary measures to prevent, control and mitigate the potential adverse impact on human health and the environment generated by the production of plastic polymers.

Noting also that when taking these measures, States Parties must consider other key aspects such as Human Health, Environmental Protection, Human Rights, among others.

With respect to the options proposed in the Zero Draft, Chile favors option 2 and consider it is a good basis to start discussions aimed at managing and reducing the global production of primary plastic polymers with a global goal that must be established in part 1 of Annex A, while ensuring the availability of environmentally sound and safe replacements.

Within option 2, we want to highlight points 3 and 4 because they contain provisions on the development of objectives determined at the national level and with this, take the necessary measures to achieve them, which would be reflected in the national plans, established in number 4 of this provision. That scheme seems appropriate to us.

Chile supports the common provisions in this Part.
In this context, Chile sees merit in points a, b and c as they provide Parties with flexibility and alternatives to take different measures.

Chile notes that there can be other measures, in addition to those already listed in points a, b and c, that can also be a good basis for generating effective regulation that can be reflected in national plans.

In the view of Chile, this would be one of the matters that we need an intersessional work.