Intervention by the Republic of Costa Rica

PART II:

Provision 9. Waste Management

Contact Group 1. Thursday, 16 November 2023

Concerning waste management, item 9, Costa Rica fully supports the intervention made by the delegate of Panama, with regards to “fishing gear”, the consideration for a more suitable place for it which could be under item 11 on existing plastic pollution, including in the marine environment. We can also support Cooks Islands proposal of a standalone article for “fishing gear”.

Regarding the overall waste management provision, we support regulations that contemplate the environmentally sound management of waste, based on the hierarchy of waste management, which is why we support option 1, while suggesting the inclusion of Option 2, part 1, referencing national reports, and a 3rd or 4th provision to prevent open dumping, ocean dumping, littering and open burning.

Thank you Mr. Co-facilitator.