Intervention on possible core obligation: strengthening waste management

Thank you, Madam Co Facilitator.

Speaking on behalf of ESDO, I would like to present our view.

The focus of the INC on waste management should be the reduction of plastic waste generation and the sound disposal of existing plastic materials. The Elements Paper stresses a long list of potential measures to increase the quantity of plastics that are recycled. Delegates should include under this control measure a prohibition on all forms of recycling plastics containing hazardous chemicals, similar to the Stockholm Convention’s prohibition on the recycling of waste containing Persistent Organic Pollutants.

Furthermore, delegates should not allow for increased trade in plastics, particularly towards low- and middle-income countries as suggested under this control measure. To prevent the production and releases of toxic emissions from plastics waste management, policies should prevent the following dangerous practices: open burning, incineration, co-firing in coal-fired power plants and waste-to-energy processes, co-processing in cement kilns, and chemical recycling.

Thank you, Madam Co Facilitator.

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