INTERVENTION BY THE HEAD OF DELEGATION
OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA

CONTACT GROUP 2
THE THIRD MEETING OF
THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE
TO DEVELOP AN INTERNATIONAL LEGALLY BINDING INSTRUMENT ON
PLASTIC POLLUTION, INCLUDING IN THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT

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Capacity Building, Technical Assistance and Technology Transfer

Thank you, Madam co facilitator, for giving Indonesia the floor.

Indonesia is of the view to support the current provisions in the zero draft. However, we would like to note several issues.

Reflecting on several MEAs, we would like to underline that the capacity building, technical assistance, and technology transfer under this instrument should be enhanced with appropriate institutional arrangements. Furthermore, such provisions should be based on and responsive to the special needs and capabilities of developing countries and should be provided by the developed countries, without duplicating the existing capacity-building, technical assistance, and technology transfer in other MEAs.

Additionally, we should also define and come into agreement on the definition of the phrase “mutually agreed terms”, as it would serve as the basis of the technology transfer.

Mr and Madam co-facilitators,
We would also like to reiterate our position in the financing provision, where in taking into account the specific needs and special circumstances of developing countries, it is important for us also to consider countries with special geographical conditions or characteristics that are considered vulnerable to plastic pollution, especially archipelagic states including Indonesia.

Mr and Madam co-facilitators,

Referring to paragraph 3 of the zero draft, Indonesia is of the view that the provision should also include how technology could play its role in supporting the reduce, reuse, and recycle system.

I thank you.
National Plans

Thank you Mr. co-facilitator.

Reiterating our statement during INC-2, Indonesia sees the national plan as the backbone for the implementation of this treaty.

Indonesia is of the view that in discussing the National Plan, we should take into account the capacity of every member country and their national laws and regulations. Therefore, for this issue, we propose an additional paragraph for the 1.bis with the following formulation: *The National Plan should be developed in accordance with (a) existing national laws and regulations and (b) domestic circumstances and capabilities.*

Furthermore, in order to support the success of the national plan, Indonesia believes that regional actions are as important as the global actions. Therefore, Indonesia is proposing provision on regional communication forum to interlink the national, regional and global actions to end plastic pollution, including in the marine environment.

Indonesia views that the implementation of the national plan should be supported by technical and financial assistance to ensure the success of this instrument implementation. Therefore, a provision for technical and financial assistance to support the implementation of the national plan should be adopted in this instrument.

We are of the view that the substance of the national plan should be decided later after the establishment of core obligations that are currently being discussed in the other Contact Group. Lastly, Indonesia is also of the view that the national plan should integrate a measurable target on each of the obligations that would be adopted in the national plan.

I thank you.
Implementation and Compliance

Thank you, Madam co-facilitator.

Indonesia is of the view that the compliance mechanism is an important part for us to further develop the institutional arrangement of the instrument for the purpose of monitoring the implementation of this instrument by the members.

Indonesia supports the establishment of a compliance committee. However, we view that the committee should be facilitative in the non-adversarial nature and should also be non punitive.

Madam Co facilitator,

Indonesia is of the view that the compliance mechanism should consider the respective national capabilities and circumstances of the members, and should not be result-oriented based only on the targets, but should also consider the process undertaken by the members.

This can be done by, inter alia,

- Identifying the challenges faced by the members in the implementation, and providing assistance for them; or
- Providing recommendations for the members, for example for adjustment of national measure.

Therefore, should there be any identified ineffectiveness in the implementation of this instrument, the cooperation mechanisms established (such as financing, capacity building, technical assistance, and transfer of technology) could help the members’ individual efforts.

I, thank you.
Reporting on Progress

Thank you Mr co-facilitator.

I will keep this brief.

We are in favor of supporting option 2 of the zero draft. We view that such an option provides clearer and more streamlined formulations.

Furthermore, Indonesia views that this report should be submitted periodically. However, the time frame and the format of the reporting should be determined in the later stage after the determination of the national plans. The reporting should also provide more flexibility for members, especially for developing countries, based on national circumstances and capabilities and allow for reporting on effectiveness, challenges, and difficulties faced by the members in implementing this instrument.

I, thank you.
Periodic Assessment and Monitoring of the Progress of Implementation of the Instrument and Effective Evaluation

Thank you, Madam co facilitator.

Noting the proposal to combine the intervention for the remaining points of discussion, we would like to express our views on the issues of periodic assessment and monitoring of the progress of implementation of the instrument and effective evaluation; international cooperation, as well as stakeholder’s engagement.

First, with regard to the periodic assessment and monitoring of the progress of the implementation of the instrument and effective evaluation;

Indonesia supports this provision because we see that it would support the implementation of this instrument. However, we would like to underline that this provision should also take into account national circumstances and capabilities.

We view that part b of the review body that would be established under this instrument shall have a clear mandate, governance, and coordination with other review bodies established in other MEAs to avoid duplication. Furthermore, we are of the view that we should consider including a review body for non-plastic substitutes, to support the members’ effort to implement the obligation on non-plastic substitutes.

Madam co facilitator,

Second, addressing international cooperation, we would like to reiterate our views expressed during the discussions on National Plans, in which Indonesia believes that regional actions are as important as the global actions. Therefore, we are proposing the inclusion of provision on regional communication forum to
interlink the national, regional and global actions to end plastic pollution, including in the marine environment.

Madam co-facilitator,

Lastly, with regard to the stakeholder engagement,

As expressed previously by various members, Indonesia is of the view that there should be a proper mention of the relevant stakeholders in the instrument. Therefore, Indonesia views that the academia, local community, local government, and the youth should be mentioned in the text considering they hold a crucial role in addressing plastic pollution considering their experience, knowledge, and close contact with the communities and the environment affected by the plastic pollution.

I thank you.