Preamble

The specific needs and special circumstances of small island developing states have been noted during the INC’s deliberations to date. Jamaica proposes that in addition to the operative paragraphs in the text, small island developing states should be mentioned in the Preamble. The proposed text is as follows:

Recognizing the specific needs and special circumstances of small island developing states and the disproportionate impact of plastic pollution on these states,

Principles

Whereas UNEA Resolution 5/14 makes reference to the Rio Principles, there are some principles which are more applicable to the instrument than others. Jamaica proposes that the principles of the instrument be included in an article and also, where relevant, in the operative parts of the text. Our text proposal for the article is as follows:

Article “X”

Fundamental Principles

Parties shall be guided by the following fundamental principles:

(a) Sovereignty of states;
(b) The precautionary approach;
(c) The polluter-pays principle;
(d) Intra- and intergenerational equity;
(e) Common but differentiated responsibilities;
(f) Non-discrimination;
(g) Gender balance;
(h) Sustainable production and consumption;
(i) Extended producer responsibility;
(j) Corporate social responsibility;
(k) Transparency and accountability;
(l) Access to information and public participation; and
(m) The use of the best available science.

While it was suggested by some that the just transition should be included in the section on principles, Jamaica is of the opinion that the just transition should be in a standalone Article.

In addition, synergies and complimentary with related multilateral environmental agreements particularly the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Convention on Biological Diversity and avoiding duplication of
provisions as well as cooperation with international organizations that are relevant to the subject matter needs to be included.