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Part IV

2. Implementation and Compliance

Malaysia observes that our proposal for paragraph 4 of the zero-draft to provide a dedicated seat for the South East Asian countries in the Implementation and Compliance Committee, was not reflected in the revised zero-draft. We propose for the revised zero-draft to reflect Malaysia’s request for a SEAs country (ASEAN) be given 1 seat within the three seats allocated for Asia Pacific Group (APG) or an additional seat allocated for APG where 1 seat is dedicated for ASEAN. We propose for two alternative texts for paragraph 4 to be included in the revised zero-draft text as follows:

| OP4 Alt 5 | The committee referred to in paragraph 1 shall examine both individual and systemic implementation and compliance issues and make recommendations to the governing body*, as appropriate.4 The committee shall consist of 18 members with recognized competence in fields relevant to this instrument* to be elected by the governing body* striving to reflect a balance of expertise and on the basis of equitable geographical representation, with three members each from the five regional groups of the United Nations [and two members from the SIDS [and one member representing ASEAN] , taking into account the goal of gender balance. |
The committee referred to in paragraph 1 shall examine both individual and systemic implementation and compliance issues and make recommendations to the governing body*, as appropriate. The committee shall consist of 17 members with recognized competence in fields relevant to this instrument* to be elected by the governing body* striving to reflect a balance of expertise and on the basis of equitable geographical representation, with three members each from the five regional groups of the United Nations [except for Asia Pacific Region, one from three members shall represent ASEAN sub region] and two members from the SIDS taking into account the goal of gender balance.

The rationale for seeking a dedicated seat for ASEAN as a sub-regional group, is due to the diversity of APG which consist of close to 60 countries, might not be well represented by non-ASEAN countries.

The importance of ASEAN as a block must be taken into consideration. ASEAN has taken the brunt of plastic pollution and was labelled as one of the biggest contributors of marine plastic pollution. Furthermore, the lack of capacity and technology for waste management puts ASEAN in a difficult position situation to comply to the core obligations under the instrument. The need to understand the challenges faced by ASEAN requires an ASEAN explanation or rather an ASEAN spokesperson especially so when it comes to reviewing the implementation and compliance of this treaty.

We urge for the proposed two alternative texts for paragraph 4, to be included in the revised zero-draft text.