Morocco’s inputs on Contact Group 3

Morocco would like to align itself with the Africa Group position.

Morocco would like to see a short preamble, that reflects on the UNEA resolution 5/14 where it mentions ending plastic pollution including in the marine environment and protecting human health and the environment and emphasize the just transition

On the proposed actions to be taken, this should be captured elsewhere in the instrument for example under the substantive articles and not in the preamble which should be short and succinct.

The kingdom of Morocco would like to thank the Secretariat for the excellent preparation of the synthesis report, which is still undergoing discussions at the national level. My delegation would like now to address its views on the preambular section of the draft treaty as follows:

Morocco thinks that the mandate of the UNEA Resolution 5/14 provided the scope of the future instrument on plastic pollution, and that should form the basis for the scope of the instrument, that is:

1. To be an International legally binding instrument on the long-term elimination of plastic pollution;
2. To be based on a comprehensive approach that addresses the full life cycle of plastics;
3. To tackle all sources of plastic pollution in all sectors, and, leakage into the environment (land, water, air), including in the marine environment, through both binding and voluntary approaches taking into account national circumstances and capabilities.
4. To incorporate provisions that promote sustainable production and consumption of plastics through, among other things, product design and environmentally sound waste management, including through resource efficiency and circular economy approaches.
5. And to addresses legacy plastics.

While considering the scope, it is important to;

i. Identify substances, materials, products and behaviors that will be subject to the scope of this instrument based on their assessed impacts on health and the environment, subject to scientific evidence.
ii. The impact assessment should provide alternative products and technologies that would be accessible to developing countries and available through technology transfers.
iii. Take into account substances of concern based on relevant scientific knowledge.
iv. Address activities and behaviors that contribute to plastic pollution and environmental degradation.
v. Include special provisions for the developing countries, particularly producers and consumers of plastics of concern, waste pickers and small and medium enterprises, to ensure just transition sustainable plastic materials and its alternatives.

On definitions, My delegation thinks that a clear definition on the lifecycle of plastics is key and would like to also see definitions for different relevant concepts and words used in the draft
of the treaty such as life cycle assessment, Problematic and avoidable plastic products as well as just transition and waste pickers.

**On principles**, Morocco recognizes that UNEA 5/14 resolution affirmed that the principles of Rio Declaration on environment and development be taken into consideration while discussing the treaty.

The kingdom of Morocco thinks that specific **RIO principles** that should be considered include:

- Prevention principle;
- Participation Principle;
- Precautionary principle;
- Equity;
- Polluter pays principle;
- Principle of common but differentiated responsibilities taking into account the countries’ respective national circumstances;
- The non-regression principle;
- Transparency and access to information and, use of the best available science and scientific information to inform decision making;
- Liability and compensation;
- Human rights: Right to a clean and healthy environment;
- Substitution Principles and finally the principle of just transition