New Zealand text proposal: Part II.8 Emissions and releases of plastic throughout its life cycle, paragraph 1

Text proposal

1. Each Party shall prevent and eliminate the emissions and releases of plastic polymers, plastics, including microplastics, and plastic products across their life cycle, including from extraction and production, to the environment from the sources identified in annex E by the dates identified therein. The emissions and releases covered under this provision should include […]

Rationale

New Zealand is pleased to see that this provision covers the full life cycle of plastics from production to disposal, and adopts a low emissions approach. To this point, we would like this provision to include the prevention and elimination of emissions and releases caused by extraction of raw materials for plastic production, noting the significance of these emissions.