New Zealand text proposal: Part II.5.b Product design, composition and performance – reduce, reuse, refill and repair of plastics and plastic products, Option 2 paragraph 1

Text proposal

Option 2
1. Each Party shall, based on guidance to be adopted by the governing body* at its first session, take effective measures to promote enable the reduction, reuse, refill, repair, repurposing and refurbishment, as relevant, of plastics and plastic products produced within its territory and those available on its market, in particular through the implementation of reuse, refill and repair systems.

Rationale

New Zealand supports Option 2 as we consider national flexibility is needed to set targets that are realistic and achievable, particularly with respect to local infrastructure. We would however prefer this option to be strengthened to emphasise that the reduction of plastic use overall, reuse, refill and repair systems must be supported by a range of materials, not just plastics, to avoid regrettable substitutes.