New Zealand text proposal: Part II.2 Chemicals and polymers of concern, Option 2

Text proposal

**Option 2**

1. Parties shall take the necessary measures, including those referred to in paragraph 2, to minimize, and as appropriate eliminate, *at the latest by the dates provided in part II of annex A* [...]  

2. Each Party shall take the necessary measures to not allow, or to regulate, as appropriate, *at the latest by the dates provided in part II of annex A* [...]  

Rationale

New Zealand is pleased that all three options are legally binding and we support the use of globally agreed criteria to determine chemicals and polymers of concern. Bans on certain polymers and chemicals will be appropriate in some applications or sectors and not in others. Multiple approaches may be needed for addressing chemicals and polymers of concern. We consider this can be achieved through either Option 1 or 2 and could work with either option. New Zealand believes Option 1 best supports safe management of chemicals and precautionary approach, and will provide the strongest provision for ensuring the safe circularity of plastics. However, if there is broad preference for Option 2, New Zealand considers this provision should be time-bound.