Sri Lanka
Contact Group 01 - Submission

Part II Item 3a - Problematic and avoidable plastic products, including short-lived and single-use plastic products and intentionally added microplastics.

Sri Lanka fervently supports Option 1, placing a strong emphasis on confronting the challenges posed by problematic and avoidable plastic products, particularly short-lived and single-use plastics. We take pride in declaring that Sri Lanka has already implemented decisive measures to prohibit the use of specific single-use plastic items within our national borders.

Moreover, Sri Lanka underscores the significance of globally agreed sector-based restrictions and advocates for the inclusion of product categories outlined in Annex B. We emphasize the critical need to establish specific timelines for the phased implementation of these restrictions.

Intentionally added microplastics.

Additionally, we enthusiastically endorse the initiative for a comprehensive phase-out of intentionally added microplastics, stressing the importance of encompassing nano-sized particles. To strike a balance, we propose limited exemptions, contingent upon a rigorous burden of proof.

Recognizing the pivotal role of Annex B, Sri Lanka positions itself as a repository of vital information essential for the seamless operation and implementation of the proposed measures. We actively promote intersessional collaboration to develop an initial criteria list for consideration and to establish universally agreed-upon definitions for terms relevant to this issue. This proactive approach aims to amplify the effectiveness of the proposed regulations, contributing significantly to the global effort to combat plastic pollution.