Third session of the Inter-Governmental Negotiating Committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution (INC 3)

Written submissions of Switzerland pertaining to the deliberations in Contact Group 1

Proposed amendments are highlighted in yellow with strikethrough indicating deletion of text.

Part I

2. Objective

In accordance with UNEA Resolution 5/14, the objective should include an overall commitment to end plastic pollution. That is why Switzerland supports a strong and overarching objective that enables a broad scope for the instrument encompassing the full life cycle of plastics and addressing all sources of plastic pollution, while recognising the risk of plastic pollution to human health and the environment. Switzerland thinks this is best reflected in Option 1 with adding Sub-option 1.2 of Option 2, which reads as follows: The objective of this instrument is to end plastic pollution, including in the marine environment, and to protect human health and the environment, based on a comprehensive approach that addresses the full life cycle of plastic.

Part II

8. Emissions and releases of plastic throughout its life cycle

1. Each Party shall prevent and eliminate the emissions and releases of plastic polymers, chemical pollutants, plastics, including microplastics, and plastic products across their life cycle, to protect human health and the environment from the sources identified in annex E by the dates identified therein.

5d. Alternative plastics and plastic products

Option 1

1. Parties shall ensure that alternative plastics and plastic products are safe, environmentally sound and sustainable, taking into account their potential for environmental, economic, social and human health impacts, including and avoid potential negative impacts on food security

13. Transparency, tracking, monitoring and labelling

2. Each Party shall monitor and track the types and volumes of its production, imports and exports of chemicals and polymers used in the production of plastic polymers, plastics and plastic products, and regulated plastic products across their life cycle as well as subsidies and other fiscal incentives related to the production, imports and exports of primary plastic polymers.