Viet Nam Proposal for Preamble text

“The Parties to this instrument,

Reaffirming the principles of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

Recalling the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development’s reaffirmation of these principles;


Recognizing that plastics play important roles in society, including in contributing to the Sustainable Development Goals, and their applications, including in public health and food safety;

Recognizing that plastic pollution is a global concern, impacting human health, livelihoods, food security, and the environment, in particular the marine environment;

Recognizing the importance of contributing to the realization of a just and equitable international economic order which takes into account the interests and needs of humankind as a whole and, in particular, the special interests and needs of developing country Parties,

Acknowledging the differences in developing country Parties’ starting points and approaches, economic structures and resource bases, available technologies and other individual circumstances, as well as the need to maintain strong and sustainable economic growth and the need for equitable and appropriate contributions by each of the developed country Parties to the global effort;

Taking into account the challenges faced by developing country Parties to manage solid and other wastes and deploy the up-to-date technologies required by circular economy approaches;

Promoting a circular economy that minimizes waste and makes the best use of resources with
improved product design for easier recycling, promoting repurpose and reuse;

Taking into account the imperatives of a fair transition of the workforce, particularly waste pickers, and the creation of decent work and quality jobs in accordance with nationally defined development priorities;

Stressing that the level of ambition for obligations shall be commensurate with the level of means of implementation provided to support developing country Parties, including financial resources, capacity-building and technology transfer;

Considering the need to mobilize new and additional financial resources and access to technology for developing country Parties to combat plastic pollution.