

Intergovernmental Negotiating

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Thank you Chair for giving the floor,

Distinguished delegates, my name is Sonali Zol from India and am taking the floor on behalf of Partnerships For Change.

At the outset, I would like to express our thanks and gratitude to government of Uruguay and UNEP for successfully convening this first session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution including in the marine environment.

As we know Plastic Pollution is a serious issue causing massive destruction to the natural world and posing health issues to humanity and biodiversity in general. To protect our common home and achieve a toxic free future for our children, my delegation would like to express our interest in suggesting following solutions for controlling and reducing plastic pollution;

1. There should be an International agreement on Transboundary hazardous waste material emission into sea taking into consideration Basel Convention and OECD Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Council Decision which provides a tiered level of control for transboundary movements of hazardous waste in two categories that is : green and amber list.

(The green list includes wastes that pose the least hazard to human health and the environment and are subject to the same level of control as normal transboundary commercial shipments. And Most hazardous wastes managed under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act are amber list wastes, which are more hazardous and are subject to more stringent requirements)

2. Designing Plastic Management Rule at Local level and recognising Ecological sensitive zone by using Radar technology and by updating data set which provides information about sensitive ecological zone and about endemic species which are found in ocean and are observed in IUCN red list which are affected by Plastic pollution

3. Local Government along with local stakeholder should recognise industries and retailers involved in Packaging and a guideline should be issue for recycling and reuse of plastic.

4. Annex 9(IX) which is listed in B3011 of basel convention should be updated

5. Annex 8 of A3210 of basel convention which covers plastic scrap and waste that contains hazardous constituent characteristic should be considered and updated.

6. Official Youth Engagement should be there and focus should be given on

providing opportunities in Plastic Management Rules and Programme especially for LDC

7. Skills and Education to be included in national policies in top down manner that is from high level to end user should be benefited

8. Technology for biodegradation photodegradation thermo oxidative degradation of Plastic should be used and youth ,women and all different groups irrespective of gender race color should be trained and skilled through various National and International government organisation with free or minimal cost.

9. Coastal Regulatory Zone should be there to keep an eye on coastal healths We hope that these thoughts will contribute towards coming up with a strong instrument which the planet is in desperate need of.

I thank u chair