

Statement of India

1st Session of the intergovernmental negotiating committee (INC) to develop a legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment.

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India wants to intervene on the issue of ROP. As was pointed out by many delegates and the chair, we had an informal group meeting on this while discussing rule 37. Many clarifications were requested from the legal advisor of UNEP. During that interaction, the linkage between voting rights and adoption of decisions was made clearer; examples were given with respect to UNFCCC and how the voting rights have been used and the adoption of decisions has been done in different MEAs. India has always been a strong advocate of decisions based upon consensus. While hearing those deliberations in the informal group, the linkage between the two rules became evident. Also, the implication between this linkage was not very clear at that time. Our delegation put forward that rule 38.1 which talks about decision-making on substantive items by 2/3 majority may be considered and bracketed and considered as decisions to be taken by consensus.