

Thank you chair for the opportunity to take the floor. There has been some discussion about the role that plastics may play in relation to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. We are heartened to see the conversation move to not solely consider the most immediately noticeable impacts of plastic pollution, but rather the broader context.

As such, I would like to quote a UNEP report published in 2021 - *NEGLECTED: Environmental Justice Impacts of Marine Litter and Plastic Pollution*. This report explores the injustices brought on by plastic waste and plastic pollution and examines how vulnerable communities are disproportionately and negatively affected during all stages of the plastic lifecycle.

On page 17 of this report, you will find a section focused specific to the Sustainable Development Goals - including a chart describing the impact that plastic has on each of these 17 goals - from Goal 6 (Clean water and sanitation), but also Goal 9 (industry, infrastructure and manufacturing) and Goal 17 (Partnership for the goals).

To quote the report:

*From source extraction to waste, the entire life cycle of plastics can pose obstacles to the full and timely achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Plastic production, use, and pollution, and the processes that generate it impact populations around the world and the natural resources they depend on to live.*

I encourage all delegates to avail themselves of the myriad of resources available looking at the impacts of plastic in the broadest possible context. Thank you.



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