

Reporting, Effective Evaluation and compliance

Thank you, Mr Chair.

Papua New Guinea agrees that the new legal instrument should have a specific provision for effective reporting, evaluation, and compliance. It will be vital for identifying gaps and further actions required for planning, design and implementation of future national level activities.

Evaluation should be based on available scientific, environmental, sociocultural, and technical information that are submitted by parties.

The new instrument must also include an assessment of the financial and technical needs including capacity building programs of developing countries.

With regards to national reporting, mandatory obligations to report on control measures on the reduction of plastics production and manufacture, imports and exports, and reduction of plastics, including microplastics, must be included.

Reporting is a key obligation in existing multilateral agreements in the waste and chemical management cluster. Given our experience with reporting requirements under the BRS Conventions where meeting reporting obligations continues to be a major challenge which is due to a limited human resources capacity and financial resources to undertake reporting tasks. Therefore, PNG request that the new Instrument should take an integrated approach with reporting requirements seeking synergies with existing relevant MEAs.

The instrument should also consider strengthening institutional arrangements with stakeholders through capacity building programs for data collection and reporting requirements. In addition, there should also be provisions under the new instruments for financial assistance to be provided to countries in compiling national reports like provisions under some of the multilateral environmental agreements such as the CBD.

In terms of Compliance, there should be specific provisions for non-compliance in a way to assist countries and parties to comply and to meet their obligations under the new instrument. Given the limited resources at the national level for developing countries and SIDS, the agreement should promote non punitive measures, however, should look at facilitating and preventing future environmental damage from plastic pollution.

Thank you Mr Chair