

Statement by Norway on agenda item 4, sub-item 3c: Support to monitoring and evaluation of progress in, and effectiveness of implementation and national reporting;

The treaty must include the obligation to report at regular intervals. The reporting format should include all relevant aspects of the implementation of the treaty, including of the general obligations, control measures and voluntary approaches, as well as available data on the impact of plastic pollution on the environment and health.

While reporting requirements should be sufficient to inform the Conference of the Parties and the global community, we must make the most to streamline the reporting process to lessen the administrative burden. We should learn from other agreements that have a high reporting rate, such as the Minamata Convention.

The Conference of the Parties should also have access to monitoring data and continuously consider this data in the further development of the treaty.

Transparency in the value chain of plastics, including in the production of polymers, is necessary to gain sufficient information about plastics products. Disclosure of polymer production volumes, including the content of hazardous chemicals and of recycled material, is required.

Norway supports the comments made by the United States on an effectiveness evaluation.

Norway would like to see Parties commit to developing, implementing and reporting on National Action Plans, and we consider this a core obligation of the treaty.

National Action plans should provide a vehicle for progress by empowering countries to set targets and develop and implement national policies, tailored to meet specific national circumstances and capabilities and addressing the full life cycle of plastics. All sources and relevant sectors should be included.