

### BAN Intervention on Hidden and Forgotten Plastic Wastes

Thank you Mr. President. Rubber Wastes are plastic wastes. Almost 98 percent of what is considered to be rubber is in fact, plastic waste.

In 2019, the Parties believed they were tackling all plastic wastes with the Plastic Amendments adopted at COP14. And yet the constraints we carefully created at that time to apply to plastic trade are not covering rubber wastes. Nor do they cover Refuse Derived Fuel, Plastic textiles, Plastics in Paper wastes etc. And yet these streams represent massive volumes of plastic waste in trade today. These are what we are calling the hidden and forgotten plastic wastes under Basel. On Monday Evening we will be holding a side event about these Hidden/Forgotten wastes and what we can do to bring these very problematic plastic waste streams under the same kind of controls we correctly created in 2019.

We hope you will come and attend this side event to become part of solving this problem.

I thank you.