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HEALTH

Thank you, Mr. Co-Chair, and thank you to all colleagues for their participation.

We would like to express our support for the intervention made by Saudi Arabia speaking behalf Arab country and LMC regarding HEALTH , we don't support the inclusion of a standalone article on health in this instrument. While we fully recognize the importance of health and its interlinkages with plastic pollution, we believe this treaty should remain focused on its primary objective—addressing plastic pollution, including in the marine environment.

We believe that by effectively addressing plastic pollution through this instrument, the treaty will inherently contribute to improved health outcomes, alongside environmental and socioeconomic co-benefits. These positive impacts can be achieved without the need for a separate health article.

Thank you.