Australia’s intervention on fishing gear

Australia supports the instrument giving particular priority to fishing gear, due to the significance of its contribution to plastic pollution in the marine environment.

We echo others on the need for consideration across the full life cycle of fishing gear and promotion of a circular economy, as well as ensuring measures build on existing efforts by other international and regional frameworks, while avoiding duplication.

This delegation agrees with the UK, Panama, Canada, Samoa on behalf of AOSIS and others that addressing fishing gear is better considered under provision 8 rather than 9b, along with other sources of plastics leakage to the environment.

We consider that Option 1 OP2 Quart in provision 8 could be a good starting point for further negotiations, and agree that text could be merged from provision 9b.