

Thank you co facilitator,

Regarding problematic and avoidable plastic part's sub section (a) Turkish delegation welcomes to presence of the references to national action plans, circumstances, and capabilities.

Nevertheless, we would like to re-iterate that by considering insufficiently mature structure of the text and limited scientific evidence, we would like to express that my delegation finds it beneficial to use a moderate language that will indicate more gradual transitions instead of strong statements regarding the trade of products.

The Turkish delegation aims to achieve an agreement that prioritizes environmental protection in line with the UNEA 5/14 resolution regarding the new ILBI. However, it is deemed beneficial to negotiate a balanced text that takes into account countries' current situations to avoid hindering trade, ensuring gradual transitions and avoiding imposing heavy commercial provisions, while still aligning with the resolution. To this end, we propose to remove the expressions concerning stages of trade such as production, sale and distribution and export/import of products.

Thank you.

Thank you co-chair,

Regarding problematic and avoidable plastic part's sub section (b) on intentionally added microplastics, Turkish delegation would like to mainly echo its statements under subsection (a) regarding trade related issues by adding the importance of consideration of the commercial confidentiality.

Moreover, we would like to underline once again the importance of the urgent determination of the developed criteria via a scientific committee has a decisive role in the implementation of this option.

I thank you.