Kenya aligns with the African Group statement made by Ghana. Kenya, supports option 1 as a good basis for negotiations.

While noting that some chemicals have been addressed by other Multilateral Agreements such as the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, Kenya firmly believes that the management of plastic pollution should be treated as a distinct aspect that warrants a standalone instrument to avoid duplication and overlap with other multilateral agreements. Some Chemical additives to the plastic production process have been proven through research to have adverse negative impacts on human health and the environment.

Kenya, believes that option 1 as presented in the streamlined text shall provide for the establishment of the criteria for identifying and classifying the chemicals and polymers of concern and takes this moment to recommend that this aspect be identified as one of the elements to be discussed under the intersessional work.

Countries should further prohibit chemicals, groups of chemicals that may hinder their safe and environmentally sound management, including their reusability, repairability, recyclability and disposal.

It is imperative that these chemicals are addressed across the lifecycle of plastics.

Kenya further supports the inclusion of a date of phase out to be contained in the annex.

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