Thank you chair

India supports textual streamlining of the provision relating to emission and releases of plastics throughout the lifecycle. Draft text in option 2 could serve as the starting point of the negotiations on this provision. Measures shall have to be nationally driven and should take into account national circumstances and capabilities.

Releases of plastic waste that is plastic products into the environment should be covered under waste management and thereby addressing the aspect of leakage of plastic products in the environment. The aspects related to release or leakage of fishing gear should be captured under waste management.

The mandate under this provision has to be clearly delineated and there should not be an overlap with the leakage of plastic products in the environment which should be covered under waste management.

It is important that while production, handing, storage and transportation of plastic raw material as well as while producing plastic products, national environmental regulations are to be followed in respect of emissions and releases to air, soil and water. All such emissions and releases should be covered under respective environmental regulations to comply with the emissions and effluent norms.

There should be an assessment of the need as well as mobilization of financial resources and technology transfer for each country in order to meet nationally driven commitments under this provision.

Thank you