Somalia acknowledges the critical role of this Contact Group (CG) in developing an essential component of the forthcoming instrument, and we extend our appreciation to the co-chairs for their leadership. The capacity of developing countries can implement this instrument hinges significantly on the commitments that will be established in this section.

Somalia supports proposals within this group advocating for the establishment of a robust financial mechanism, specifically through a dedicated and independent multilateral fund. In terms of structure, this suggests that provisions related to the financial mechanism, currently starting at paragraph 4, should be advanced to the beginning of the text, either following or before OP0.

Responding to suggestions made within the group, Somalia wishes to highlight our stance that the various elements of implementation means—namely financing, capacity building, and technology transfer—should remain distinct and separate as currently organized in Part III.

For consideration, Somalia proposes three specific provisions aimed at enhancing both our national and global efforts to manage plastic pollution effectively. These suggestions are tailored to meet Somalia’s unique needs and capabilities:

1. **Enhanced Support for Economically Vulnerable Countries:** Somalia proposes provisions that call for increased support for countries with significant economic vulnerabilities to be accessible and effective for countries at different stages of development.

2. **Implementation Flexibility:** Recognizing the diversity of capabilities and resources among developing countries, Somalia advocates for provisions that allow for flexible implementation timelines and strategies, tailored to each country’s unique circumstances and available resources.

3. **Consideration for Environmental Vulnerability:** Given the severe environmental impact of plastic pollution on countries with extensive coastlines and significant biodiversity, Somalia proposes provisions that prioritize actions and funding for nations facing these challenges to ensure they receive the necessary support to effectively mitigate the sources and impacts of plastic pollution.