Thank you.

India would like to support the textual streamlining of the provision relating to EPR. India would like to support Option 1 as the starting point of negotiation for this provision.

EPR could serve as one of the important tools to address plastic pollution. It could serve to address the entire life cycle of plastic products facilitating sustainable design and environmentally sound waste management. EPR could help in transition from linear economy model of make, use and dispose to circular economy model of reduce, reuse and recycle. EPR could be an important tool to promote recyclability, and promote higher recycling rates. It could also help use of recycled content as well as reuse.

EPR mechanisms shall have to be nationally driven taking into account national circumstances and capacities. There shall not be any EPR obligation beyond national boundaries and these shall not extend to international supply chains. There could be guidance on EPR mechanism to facilitate countries design and implement EPR mechanism if a country wishes as such.

Thank you