Thank you.

We thank the co-fac for the streamlined text.

Waste management is one of the most important and critical pillars of the strategy to address plastic pollution. This needs to be adequately and comprehensively captured under this provision.

It is important to establish mechanism to assess the infrastructure for safe and environmentally sound management of plastic waste as well as the assessment of the financial resources for comprehensive management of plastic waste. There must be availability of timely, adequate and predictable financial assistance and technology transfer for each country, in order to meet nationally driven commitments under this provision following the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities, to establish and operate waste management infrastructure.

Measures have to be nationally driven and must take into account national circumstances and capabilities and relevant national regulations.

There should be an intersessional work in this regard.

India supports Option 1 as the starting point of the negotiations for this provision.

Thank you.