Thank you.

India would like to thank the co-facilitators for developing an effective streamlined text in regard to provision 5 of Part II of the revised draft text. India would like to support the streamlined text. India would like to support Option 2 as the starting point of negotiations for the provision 5a relating to product design and the streamlined text in respect of reuse, recycle, refill and repair and the streamlined text in respect of use of recycled plastic, and option 1 in respect of sub section d relating to alternative plastics and plastic products.

Indian delegation considers this provision at the core of the strategy to promote sustainable and optimal use of plastics as well as plastic products. The approach would result in enhanced lifespan of plastic products through better design including for repair, reuse and refill, recyclability and refurbishability.

This has to be nationally driven and based upon national circumstances and capabilities. Measures may promote the safety, durability, reusability, refillability, repairability and refurbishability and recyclability of plastics and plastic products, as relevant, taking into account relevant international standards, including any relevant sector- or product-specific standards and guidelines.

It is important to have 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 following common but differentiated responsibilities.
It must be ensured that the reduction in the use of plastics and plastic products shall be an outcome of such product design measures and adoption of more sustainable design of plastics and plastic products. India would like to propose for the deletion of any reference to reduce from provision 5 as it is not the intent under this provision but the outcome of measures taken under this provision.

There shall not be imposition of harmonized standards without the consideration of national circumstances and capabilities as well as financial and technological support made available following principle of common but differentiated responsibilities.

Thank you.