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Thank you, co-facilitator/co-chair.

I speak on behalf of the PSIDS.

The PSIDS aligns with the AOSIS in supporting Option 1, as the element reflected in this option represents PSIDS priorities that must be reflected in the Objective of the instrument. This includes:

1. End plastic pollution including in the marine environment
2. Protect human health
3. Protect the environment
4. Comprehensive approach to full life cycle of plastic
5. Prevention of plastic pollution
6. Progressive reduction of plastic pollution
7. Elimination of plastic pollution.

While Option 1 encapsulates our key concerns, there are certain elements within it that pose challenges for our group. We propose the deletion of the following texts:

"Addition": This addition limits the instrument's scope to addressing pollution generated after its implementation, which may hinder efforts to tackle existing pollution.
"By 2024": Setting a specific timeframe could imply the instrument's relevance only until that date, potentially undermining its long-term effectiveness.
"And to achieve sustainable development": While critical, this reference may divert focus from the primary objective outlined in resolution 5/14, which mandates these negotiations.

Thank you.