Mexico’s general comments to provision 5 on product design, composition and performance

We support different elements to make sure that plastic products are designed, produced, manufactured, imported, exported and put on the market in a sustainable manner.

For provisions a, option 1 is good basis for negotiation, highlighting some relevant elements:

- Enhance the design and circularity of plastic products, including packaging, and improve the composition of plastics products with a view to:
  
a. Reducing the use of plastics across the value chain, including in product packaging
b. Minimizing releases and leakages from plastics and plastic products, including microplastics
- Consideration of national circumstances and capabilities.
- We consider important taking into account the relevant international standards and guidelines, including any relevant sector- or product-specific standards and guidelines, and assure compliance with sectoral requirements.
- The criteria should be harmonized distinguishing between design for reduction, reuse, recycling of plastic products and packaging
- Certification procedures and labelling requirements for plastics and plastic products
- Transparency, labelling and certification procedures and requirements for plastics and plastic products that conform to the design and performance criteria established.

For points b and c:

- The recycled plastic content should be established from the design stage. This would allow the design of products based on the availability of recycled plastic, and allow the development of materials and products with the same use characteristics as the original ones.
- Support having General criteria for both as well as for defining the required recycled plastic content, so it is considered necessary to have support to develop these guidelines, as well as to facilitate the research required to do so.
- We support obligation to take effective measures to promote the reduction, reuse, refill, repair, repurposing and refurbishment of plastics and plastic products
- We support obligation to ensure minimum percentages of recycled and safe plastics in products
- We support having an annex including a timeframe
For c-plastic alternatives-

There should be technical-scientific information that evaluates the entire life cycle of these products to ensure that they are not products that generate other problems and define the treatment that would be given to them to reduce the generation of waste of these materials and to have clarity on how to manage them in a sustainable manner.

For d- Alternative plastics and plastic products- Mexico could support option 1 with the addition of paragraph 8 from opt 3.