Thank you, Co-chairs,

We believe that a successful treaty must include some elements that should be discussed in our contact group and relevant sub-groups.

First, we think we should enshrine a core principle of minimizing final disposal in favor of operations that preserve materials rather than destroying them. The treaty must emphasize collection targets and safe, toxic-free recycling targets, but not disposal targets.

Secondly, we should ensure that the total production of plastics, including biobased, biodegradable, compostable, and recycled plastics, stays within sustainable levels with global targets and phasedown schedules that are periodically strengthened as new data on environmental and health impacts emerge.

Thirdly, we believe that binding global design standards and targets for reuse will be a critical means of implementation in our ultimate goal. Reuse systems must be material-agnostic to allow for the best material choice with the potential to replace plastic products for a given application.

Finally, we think we should remove hazardous chemicals including polymers from plastic products and materials to protect human health and the environment, as well as enable necessary downstream measures. In the current draft, the control of chemicals as groups and chemical simplification is only present in the text in the proposed ban on the use of harmful chemicals in products in Option 1 and should be extended to bans on the production of such chemicals in Option 4.

We will remain open to the upcoming discussions in the subgroups.

Thank you.