Sub-group 1.2. Norwegian intervention on 4bis – dedicated programs of work.

- Thank you, madam co-facilitator.
- Norway submitted this text at INC-3, and I would therefore like to briefly explain the intention as we see it of the dedicated programs of work which we also have developed a briefing document for, which will be uploaded to the in-session documents.

- The dedicated programs of work has three main objectives:
  - First, to organize a product group- or sector-wise approach and promote stakeholder action to achieve the objectives of the instrument.
    - Different sectors may pose different challenges when it comes to plastic pollution, that require sector-specific approaches.
    - Participation should be open for all Parties to the instrument, relevant regional and international conventions, instruments and organizations as well as relevant stakeholders, including the private sector.
  - A Second objective is to further develop the relevant provisions in the instrument, for example through annexes, as appropriate.
    - The DPOW could have a structured and tailored approach when developing relevant provisions for different sectors, taking a holistic view seeing measures as product design, EPR and waste management together for the specific sector.
  - A Third objective is to support implementation of the relevant provisions in the instrument, such as developing guidance.

- We need a “start and strengthen approach” to ensure further progress and development of the provision in the instrument over time.
- Norway believes that the dedicated programs of work would serve this purpose well.

- Finally, we find it important to highlight two things:
  - First, our initial proposal on the four sectors packaging, textiles, fisheries/aquaculture and agriculture is a suggestion as a starting point. The initial four sectors have been identified as priorities given the products’ share of waste generation, short timespan in use and/or products used in close contact with the environment. This is meant as a start only, adding more sectors as we move forward.
  - Second, the DPOW will make recommendations for the COP – it is not a decision-making body.

- Thank you.