Thank you co-facilitator,

Based upon recent scientific evidence, various countries have implemented national frameworks to control and banned the use of single use plastics, being Panama one of these countries taking national measures with the aim to reduce plastic pollution.

Regarding provision 3, we support option 1 on the streamline text, as the basis for negotiations, is important to include measures to regulate and reduce problematic and avoidable plastic products, as well as products containing added microplastics. We firmly believe that this option provides a solid framework for addressing plastic pollution, taking into account our national circumstances and capabilities.

Regulating, reducing, and gradually phasing out an initial list of products will serve as a starting point. Additionally, we consider it essential to maintain the inclusion of point b regarding added microplastics.

For the development of this initial list and corresponding criteria, we need to establish a formal intersessional working group of experts.

Finally, we express our support to Peru regarding cigarette filters being an example of plastic products that could be considered problematic and avoidable.

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