Thank you Co chair,

Firstly, we would like to extend our support to the statement delivered by Uruguay on behalf of GRULAC.

Paraguay believes that the objective of this instrument should be to protect human health and the environment, putting human rights at the center of our concerns, including the right to development, which has been recognize as an inalienable human right by the General Assembly in Resolution 41/128 of 4th December 1986.

We also believe that the scope of the instrument, should be aligned with UNEA Resolution 5/14 and we should avoid a reinterpretation of it.

Regarding the principles that should guide this instrument, we would like to see them clearly established, specifically the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities.

It is paramount that the instrument recognizes clearly that there are substantial differences between developed and developing nations and the effectiveness of the instrument is linked to the means of implementation.

Also, clear definitions are also important considering that this is going to be a legally binding instrument. Without clear definitions it will be difficult to know the obligations we are assuming.

Finally, we are eager to start working on substantive matters in the sub groups.

Thank you