Thank you of Mr. Co-facilitator.

As we understand, Section 8 bis was not present in the Zero Draft considered at INC 3 at Nairobi and has been added in the revised draft text.

Paragraph 1 of 8 bis is premature at this stage.

Paragraph 1 (a) makes direct linkage of plastic pollution with human health effects. For example setting up of targets for exposure risk reduction, setting up of health guidelines relating to plastic pollution. Any such linkage needs to be based upon best available science.

Sub paragraph (b) and (c) move a step further stating that health care services need to be provided for prevention, treatment and care for populations affected by exposure to plastic pollution.

We need to understand the difference between adverse health effects linked to identified chemicals as opposed to general term plastic pollution.

We need to further understand the contents of paragraph 1 from its proponents.

Linkages to human health effects should be based upon best available sciences.

At this stage, paragraph 1, in absence of further scientific information, may be removed.

Paragraph 2 may be considered where professional body such as WHO looks into health related effects.