The African Group firmly believes that the governing body must play a central role in ensuring the instrument's effectiveness. To achieve this, we advocate for a robust system of periodic assessment and monitoring. This system should go beyond simple monitoring and encompass a comprehensive evaluation of the instrument's effectiveness in achieving its objectives.

This evaluation should:

- Analyze progress made by Parties in implementing their obligations.
- Assess the instrument's overall impact on plastic pollution reduction.
- Identify any challenges or gaps hindering effective implementation.
- Inform potential amendments or improvements to the instrument for future effectiveness.

The African Group is confident that a robust assessment and monitoring process will be crucial for ensuring the instrument's long-term success.