Thank you co-facilitator, the United Kingdom supports the streamlined approach and looks forward to proceeding with line-by-line negotiations based upon the revised text provided. Regarding the proposal put forward by the EU, we would welcome more information, and find the diagrams as a helpful starting point, and would welcome further discussion. The United Kingdom supports the inclusion of a chemical provision within the treaty, in line with the mandate as set out in resolution 5/14, which underlines the importance of the sustainable production and consumption of plastics. Therefore, the inclusion of a Chemicals provision within the treaty, is important to show ambition on chemicals of concern. The UK believes that a risk-based approach to chemical management is the appropriate way forward, therefore, The UK’s preference is for working on option 1 with textual amendments.

Furthermore, the United Kingdom would also support a formal mandate for intersessional work on chemicals and polymers of concern between INC4 and 5. Thank you.