The African Group submissions

On subgroup 2.1 on OPs 4, 5, 1, 2, 0, 3 and 8

Organization of work
The African Group would like to support the proposal raised by Brazil and echoed by other countries about the need to restructure the work as an initial way forward in this subgroup.

We believe that starting the discussion on the financial mechanism would give us a clearer understanding on what and how we want to achieve a successful instrument and we see merit in that discussion that will help the discussion on the common provisions.

OP4
The African group is of the view that the paragraph should start with the establishment of the mechanism, that calls with all its importance qualifiers. We call for an adequate funding of the financial mechanism to cover implementation of all the provisions and obligations of the instruments.

We call for the special mention to developing countries and we would like to support Mexico on agreed language to list the particularities of countries.

OP5
The African Group would like to express its preference for OP5 Alt with some elements from OP5 ter. We would be in favour of taking OP5 as a basis if more detailed. The AG would also like to support the proposal by Grenada on streamlining and refining the language and taking into consideration the needs for developing countries.

OP1
The Africa Group reiterates its strong support for a dedicated multilateral fund to successfully implement the instrument. We support others who spoke before us on the deletion of this particular provision. It is indeed our view that it is the prerogative of each country to define their priorities in implementing national activities and mobilizing the necessary resources as they are the best placed to understand their national capacities and capabilities.

African countries already do a lot to combat plastic pollution and are willing to increase their efforts in that sense, we don’t see the necessity of having a separate provision for this.
OP2

For the Africa Group, this paragraph captures important elements regarding the sources of finance for the mechanism, and we would like to clearly see reflected important provisions such as the principle of CBDR and avoid mention to voluntary contributions for developed countries parties to honor their obligations. We support OP2 Alt as a basis for negotiations with the exception of the mention to additional financial resources since we are calling for a new dedicated fund.

We also don't support the categorization of developing country Parties, mentioning developing countries is a self-explanatory and all developing countries are suffering from the challenges. We also would call for a more refined and concise language on this paragraph.

OP0:

The AG strongly supports OP0 alt2. As highlighted in the paragraph, eradicating poverty and promoting sustainable economic and social development are top priorities for our region.

To achieve these goals, we believe it's crucial for developed countries to fulfill their commitments under the Rio principles, particularly the CBDR. This principle acknowledges the varying historical contributions to environmental challenges and development needs between developed and developing nations.

We would also like to express our support for restructuring this part and that we start with OP4 which would be followed by this Op. This order aligns best with our regional priorities and ensures clear communication of our stance.

OP3:

The Africa Group acknowledges that the provisions under this paragraph are already reflected in para OP2 alt. hence there is no need for this paragraph.

However, if there is a need for a standalone paragraph; it should offer additional clarity and emphasis on the importance of balanced implementation across all parties. While existing language encourages participation, we propose a slightly more robust approach. Specifically, we advocate for a revised paragraph that explicitly encourages all parties to implement this instrument "equally and comprehensively." This nuanced shift emphasizes the shared responsibility for achieving the instrument's objectives. It goes beyond mere encouragement and acknowledges the need for a commitment to full and balanced implementation from all parties, developed and developing alike.

OP8:

The Africa Group believes that there must be a governing body that reviews the financial mechanism, and that should be a periodic review of the level of funding in the mechanism and we can agree on a later stage on the time whether third or fourth year.