Thank you Co-Chair’s,

In the interest of moving quickly to subgroups, we will provide our comments in one single intervention for all parts pertaining to Contact Group 2.

Regarding potential streamlining of the Revised Zero Draft Text Switzerland would see benefit in rearranging certain paragraphs in Part III. In particular, we would see benefit in having paragraphs of a broader nature regarding Means of Implementation at the beginning of Part III before any particularities on a financial mechanism. For us, Means of Implementation of the future instrument is to be understood much broader than mere financial contributions to the future treaty. To provide the required resources for the transformational shift needed to end plastic pollution, funding from all sources – public and private – will be essential to implement the instrument.

Thus, Switzerland supports the inclusion of market-based measures to provide a clear economic incentive for businesses to reduce plastic waste consistent with the polluter pays principle. Following this logic, we would suggest to move language regarding such an enabling environment to the beginning of Part III.

As we have said at previous INCs, Means of Implementation need to be discussed hand in hand with obligations: high ambition obligations will of course necessitate appropriate means to be implemented. It is also for this reason that we see the need to keep the contributor base and sources as broad and as innovative as possible to be able to tailor it to the level of ambition in the obligations. Moreover, we would also see this broader discussion on financial flows, enabling environment and market-based measures as part of intersessional work pertaining to means of implementation.

Regarding technical streamlining, shortening the text and enhancing its readability, instead of listing options of “no text” we would suggest to put the respective para-graphs and alternatives thereof, where applicable, in brackets.

In Part IV, we would suggest to merge “4.1. Assessment and monitoring” with “3. Reporting on Progress” to avoid duplications.

We would entrust the co-facilitators to conduct this work to have it ready for negotiations on the text in the sub-groups.