UGANDA STATEMENT ON ARTICLE 1

Thank you very Co-Facilitators,

The Republic of Uganda wishes to thank you Co-Chairs for your efforts to streamline the text in order to offer us a basis for moving forward with the negotiations. We salute your efforts in this endeavour.

We believe that Article 1 and Article 2 can be combined into one Article to focus on Chemicals and Polymers of concern with negative impacts on environment and human health.

We are of the strong view that the intentions of the current Article 1 can still be achieved in Article 2 since we all agree that the scope of this instrument is to address plastic pollution and not more. We therefore have a strong feeling that we should focus our limited time and energies on problematic plastics including polymers and chemicals of concern.

By reducing and or where possible, eliminating the polymers and chemicals of concern or generally speaking, phasing out problematic plastics, there will be an overall reduction in global plastics production which Article aims to achieve. We therefore STRONGLY FAVOUR A NO TEXT OPTION ON ARTICLE 1 as its well covered under the current Article 2.

Thank you Madam co-facilitator