

### **UGANDA STATEMENT ON ARTICLE 3**

Thank you Co Chair,

We would like to thank Switzerland and Mexico for their attempt to find landing zones on this very important Article.

However, we think that it is premature to have initial listing before we have a listing criteria and a Scientific body that can look through the list.

Uganda considers Article 3 as a fundamental one that is at the heart of the instrument. We however support product design that is safe for environment and human health, one that promotes circular economy and recognises variance in national circumstances and capabilities including different levels of technological capabilities.

We remain open to progressive engagement with other delegations to find a better way forward.