Thank you, co-facilitators, and we also commend your excellent work in the last few days, and also the active engagement by members so far.

On the point of plastic polymers, we believe we do need to look at the issue of plastics pollution holistically and that stems from the from the building blocks. Some of our experts state certain polymers increase toxicity and non-recyclability over time and so we’d recommend evaluating that and their substitutes as well. We also would suggest we look at Chemicals and additives in addition to polymers, with a view to science and technical experts informing our definitions and criteria.

In addressing the words “problematic and avoidable” we would like to ensure that is viewed with a Lens to the environment and human health including in the marine environment. For instance, some of the alternatives that have been developed degrade on land but do not do so quickly in the ocean, so we support Malaysia’s intervention that the development on new alternatives should not cause new problems.

We support’s Switzerland, Korea and South Africa on the point that targets would be looked at not as a technical matter and we need the definitions and criteria as a precursor to having those conversations.