Written Submission by Ethiopia, on behalf of the African group following the Verbal presentation of the African Position.

The African group

Endorses the establishment of a newly standalone established dedicated fund as the preferred financial mechanism, highlighted in paragraph 4 of the Zero Draft. The private sector, developed countries and those in position to do so should fund the new mechanism.

This mechanism should ensure predictable, sustainable, and adequate financing for the implementation of the instrument.

As a result the African group opted for option one and reordering of other paragraphs.

The Africa group would also like reiterate its position for importance of dedicated standalone funding for successful implementation and attainment of the objective of the future instrument as highlighted UNEA 5/14 and we believe protecting human health and the environment including the marine environment should be the core objective of the future instrument.

The African group wishes to enhance paragraph 4 of the zero draft to make it to capture additional things such as the need for a new dedicated standalone fund and reflect the need of special attention for African countries and others in need.

We wish to delete paragraph 6 of option 2

Regarding the financial source, the African group wishes to make changes on paragraph 9 of the zero draft and paragraph 10 that state financial flow.

1. A dedicated Multilateral Fund is hereby established to provide financial resources to developing countries and countries with economies in transition to meet their commitments under the instrument.

2. A Party, in its national action plan shall, within its national capability, institute additional measures for implementation of the instrument that include extended producer responsibility schemes. (we recommend that this part be moved to means of implementation)
2. Capacity building, technical assistance, and technology transfer

We strongly support the inclusion of capacity building, technical assistance, and technology transfer as integral parts of the instrument emphasising the responsibility of developed countries to transfer technology on a fair and affordable cost to developing countries to enable developing countries, least developed countries and SIDS to access and retain the needed capacity and environmentally-sound technology as highlighted in paragraph one of this part.

The group would like make a reference to the capacity building programme in the Montreal Protocol as a bases for effective implementation of the future instrument.

We believe this is essential for effective implementation of the instrument, as highlighted in paragraph 1 of the zero draft. We would like to keep the remaining paragraph as it is.

3. National Plans

The development of National Plans by parties is crucial to fulfill their obligations, taking into account respective capabilities and considering important issues including a Just Transition for workers, including Waste Pickers, as outlined in paragraph 1(a-l) of the zero draft.

The African group wish to insert a text on paragraph one of the National plan which says the national plan should be according to the national capacity and circumstances.

The national plans should be inclusive and based on best available knowledge and data.

The African group would also suggest, Initial national plan to the governing body* within [2X] year entry force of the future instrument.

Regarding the reporting of the plan the African group opted parties report to the governing body as highlighted paragraph one of the implementation plan.

4. Implementation and compliance
The African group strongly supports the establishment of a mechanism for implementation to ensure compliance with the provisions of future instruments as highlighted in paragraph one and the group would prefer to maintain the operation of the mechanism under the modalities and procedures adopted by the governing body of the instrument as indicated in paragraph 3 of the zero draft under the implementation and compliance.

The group is not in favour of compliance with the written submission from any party regarding another party and this should be left for the governing body.

Further, the African group would like to suggest the deletion of parts of paragraph 6a of the zero draft.

5. Periodic assessment and monitoring of the progress of implementation of the instrument* and effectiveness evaluation

The African group is of the view that the importance of evaluating the effectiveness of the instrument by the governing body to determine any measures required to advance in achieving the objective of the instrument, the group is flexible on the number of years required to make the first evaluation considering the financial and other means of implementation in the future instrument.

We also support the adoption of the modalities by the governing body, the base at which the evaluation can be conducted as highlighted in paragraph 3 of the zero draft.

However the evaluation must be on best available scientific knowledge data and information including the installed means of implementation in the future instrument.

African group would like to enhance paragraph 3d by adding a text adding knowledge sharing to reflect the needs developing countries.

5. Internarional cooperation, Awareness-raising, education and research and information exchange and stakeholder
Regarding the internarial cooperation, Awareness-raising, education and research and information exchange and stakeholder (Private sectors, regional cooperation, youth women and venerable groups) and others involvement, we don’t have specific comment to address.

AGn supports the AGN position and highlights on the importance of promoting international cooperation to support effective implementation of the instrument.

AGn believes that the instrument being negotiated stands on firm basis of multilateralism that brings together global efforts and institutions to address threats to our planet. In this regard, International cooperation should capture cooperation with MEAs and implementation of Environmental Assembly resolutions.

Again we want to highlight

i. Transparency monitoring and tracking and labelling

ii. Domestic Financing

iv. Non-plastic substitutes

v. Capacity Building and Technology Transfer

vi. Public Awareness

vii. Information Exchange