## Summary of Africa Group Position on CG 3 (based on the synthesis report)

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| 1 Preamble                 | - Should not spend a lot of time on preamble, it should be short and succint.  
- Reflect on the UNEA resolution 5/14 where it mentions ending plastic pollution including in the marine environment and protecting human health and the environment and emphasize the just transition  
- Regarding para 3(f), plastic leakage occurs along the entire life cycle and not just from discarding plastic waste  
- On para 4 (collaboration and coordination) there’s also need to reflect on the Minamata Convention on Mercury and the SPP which we recognise is still under negotiation.  
- On the proposed actions to be taken, this should be captured elsewhere in the instrument for example under the substantive articles and not in the preamble which should be short and succint. |
| Definitions                | - Recognize the need for definitions in the context of the instrument, however, the discussion should not happen in isolation of the substantive provisions, e.g. circularity, equity…..  
- It’s also important to reflect on already existing definitions and how these can be applied in this context. |
| Principles                 | - In line with UNEA resolution 5/14, it’s important to reflect on the Rio principles, and those adopted by other relevant MEAs particularly regarding human rights, gender and just transition  
- principles should be stand-alone article |
| Scope                      | - UNEA 5/14 already provides for the scope of the instrument which is to end plastic pollution across the full lifecycle of plastics and addressing its effects on human health and the environment.  
- Detailed deliberations on scope at this stage limit the negotiations.  
- To ensure the longevity of the instrument, a timebound provision may not be included. |
| Institutional arrangements | - The Governing body should have one governing body, hence not comfortable with para 54.  
- On establishment of subsidiary bodies, the option in para 63 (c) would be preferred. As a subsidiary body  
- Establishment of compliance and implementation committee.  
- Others prefer the establishment of a multilateral fund  
- While it is important to build synergies with existing bodies, the subsidiary bodies should be directly accountable to the Governing body.  
- Further details can be deliberated at a later stage in the course of the negotiations  
- Others are of the view that a COP is preferable |
| Secretariat | The functions of the Secretariat outlined in the Synthesis report as outlined in Appendix 1 of the Options Paper UNEP/PP/INC.2/4 as option a-f is highly welcomed. Africa welcomes the assertion that the Secretariat should be independent and located in the Headquarters of the Respective Treaty organization which is in line with the 19th AMCEEN decision 19/2 paragraph 11 of August 2023. |