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The Government of Antigua and Barbuda supports a modulated approach to tackling the production of primary plastic polymers. Such an approach takes into consideration national circumstances, particularly those of Small Island Developing States.

Modulated, responsible and sustainable production seeks to ensure that the upstream management of primary polymers does not exceed anticipated targets with a view to limiting the occurrence of plastics in the environment. Additionally, consideration should be given to the environmental impact of the production process.

We must recognise that there are also questions concerning what processes and assessments, including consideration for socioeconomic impacts on SIDS and broader sociocultural concerns that ultimately inform the development of potential reduction targets, whether it be agreed as a common global target implemented nationally by all Parties or a global aggregate goal with contributions from all Parties, in all cases reflecting the highest level of ambition.

Co-Chair, we do not align to a specific option and look forward discussions on this matter to consider the views on the approach to the life cycle management of plastics and to engage on measures to protect the interest of island states.