Thank you madam co-facilitator

Bangladesh would like to thank secretariat for preparing the synthesis report.

We acknowledge all the intervention so far made by the member states and the regional groups.

As we all know that Plastic can easily cross the administrative boundary without any intervention from upstream countries to downstream countries through international waterways/rivers.

It is already proven that downstream countries are compelled to manage the cumulative plastic pollution coming from the higher altitude countries and facing the challenges like floods, water logging, fish migration, alternation of navigability, irreversible damages of ecosystem, promoting vector borne diseases and extra burden to waste management system.

Bangladesh found that, this very important point is not properly addressed into the synthesis report.

We have to mindful that High income countries have the technical and financial competency to solve the issue whereas underdeveloped downstream countries are in serious problem of intercepting those plastic load.

Under this circumstances, Bangladesh urges INC to acknowledge the issue and requested to consider the two issues such as
• Adding a proper definition of downstream underdeveloped country.

• At the same time, Add a comprehensive list of “downstream underdeveloped countries” in the annexes

Thank you madam co-facilitator.