Brazil needs to reserve its position on this article, as there is no definition of problematic and avoidable plastic products, including short-lived and single-use plastic products yet. We do not know yet which products will be considered as such, and as Brazil has pointed out in other occasions, there are important applications such as in the public health system of plastic products, which would need to be eventually exempted from an eventual definition of short-lived or single-use plastic products.

In any case, Brazil does not believe that exemptions should be decided upon by the governing body created under the instrument. It should be up for the countries themselves to decide about their own exemptions, as they know their own national realities and circumstances. Also, there are still internal discussions on the usefulness of restricting exemptions to expiration periods.

For those reasons, Brazil proposes the deletion of items 2, 3 and 4 in this proposed article. Brazil also awaits discussions on the “procedure” referred to in item 1, last line, to define its position on item 1.