With regards to emissions and releases of plastic throughout its life cycle, item 8.

My delegation supports the position of the African Group with the modifications particularly points 1, 2, 4 and 5 of the proposed zero draft.

Emissions of microplastics and nano plastics into air, soil, and water especially the marine ecosystems as well as releases of plastic pellets, flakes and powder from production, storage, handling, and transport have serious environmental and public health problems.

Promoting scientific research and technical innovation to uncover areas where we have limited knowledge particularly the intentional and unintentional releases, would be of paramount importance.

We strongly encourage this aspect to consider the national capability particularly the private sector to encompass robust control measures.

For more clarity, we would encourage intersessional work.

**Item 9 on waste management,** we go for option one.

Thank you.