Thank you for the opportunity to provide our text proposals for Parts III and IV of the zero draft. As instructed, the below represents new text proposals from the Canadian delegation rather than line edits to existing text.

Part III. 2 - Capacity-building, technical assistance and technological transfer

Additional paragraph 2 bis on options for arrangements for the provision of technical assistance and capacity building:

- Technical assistance and capacity building pursuant to paragraph 1 and provisions on compliance may be delivered through regional, subregional and national arrangements, including existing regional and sub-regional centres, through other multilateral and bilateral means, and through partnerships, including those involving the private sector and/or other stakeholders. Cooperation and coordination with relevant other multilateral environmental agreements, as appropriate, should be sought to increase the effectiveness of technical assistance and its delivery.

Rationale:
Canada believes that the instrument should include text that encourages the involvement of the private sector, civil-society organizations and local communities in capacity-building activities, including through public-private partnerships and other multistakeholder initiatives. We also note that there is much technical assistance and capacity building infrastructure already in place through UNEP regional offices and other MEA initiatives that could be used to support plastic-related activities.

Part IV. 2 - Compliance mechanism

New paragraph 8 on decision-making process for the Committee:

- The Committee shall make every effort to adopt its recommendations by consensus. If all efforts at consensus have been exhausted and no consensus is reached, such recommendations shall as a last resort be adopted by a three-fourths majority vote of the members present and voting, rounded up, based on a quorum of two-thirds of the members.

Rationale:
Canada notes that no options on decision-making for the compliance committee were included in the zero-draft and believe that such an option, that allows for voting as a last result when consensus cannot be reached, should be added in text. The proposed additional paragraph closely mirrors agreed-upon language found in the Minamata Convention Article 15(6).