China proposes the following texts to be included in the principles of the instrument:

1. This instrument will be implemented to reflect equity, the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities.

2. Reaffirming the principle of sovereignty of States in international cooperation to address plastic pollution, including in the marine environment.

3. Parties have a right to, and should, promote sustainable development. Policies and measures to protect the environment and human health against plastic pollution should be appropriate for the specific conditions of each Party and should be integrated with national development programmes.

4. Parties recognize the importance of international cooperation on addressing plastic pollution and the importance of taking account the needs of developing country Parties on both development and means of addressing such pollution.

5. Parties shall cooperate to promote and facilitate a fair, equitable and inclusive transition for affected Parties in addressing plastic pollution towards sustainable development, with special consideration for developing countries. Developed countries shall provide sufficient financial, technological resources and capacity building support to developing countries towards a just transition.

6. Parties have the right to choose policy mixes to combat plastic pollution, based on national circumstances and capacities, including demographic, socioeconomic, health, climate and environmental circumstances.

7. Measures taken to address plastic pollution shall not constitute a means of arbitrary or unjustifiable discrimination or a disguised restriction on international trade.

8. When addressing plastic pollution, it shall be avoided creating new development and environmental problems.