Egypt’s submission concerning the objective and part 2.1 of the zero draft

**The objective:**

Egypt recalls the mandate of the UNEA Res 5/14 which is targeting ending plastic pollution, which should guide the measures of the proposed instrument, seeking the protection of human health and the environment.

Egypt thus prefers Option 2 accompanied with sub-option 1.2 with minor addition to read as follows:

“**The Objective of this instrument is to protect human health and the environment from plastic pollution, including in the marine environment based on a comprehensive approach that addresses the full life cycle of plastic products**”

**Part 2.1 of the zero draft:**

Egypt believes that the draft instrument at hand should abide by the mandate of UNEA 5/14 in addressing the issues relating to Plastic Pollution whether be it in the selection of topics or in the submission of proposals to be included under such topics.

The inclusion of this item contradicts the notions and principals included in the preambulatory articles of UNEA resolution 5/14 especially the recognition of the existence of various approaches and sustainable alternatives and technologies to deal with the full life cycle of plastics and stressing that there is no single approach.

Egypt would further like to call the attention to UNEA resolution 5/14 operative article three which mandates the scope of the proposed instrument and does not in any form mandate a limitation on this strategic and economically vital industry but rather promotes in its sub-article the sustainable production and consumption of plastic.

Egypt thus believes this item should not be included or addressed in the text and we propose striking out the entirety of the item.