Thank you Mr. Chair

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The instrument must be a **specific convention with binding measures** to be effective. Options 1 are the strongest starting point.

The treaty must include **supply-side measures serving the full lifecycle**. Most countries do not produce plastics, yet all are affected by the exponential production increase, and related pollution. Shrinking the size and gravity of the problem with upstream measures will empower much-needed measures downstream. Subsidy discipline is essential, as subsidies feed overproduction and overconsumption, distort markets and impede a just transition to a system that respects planetary boundaries and human rights.

Further, chemicals including polymers of concern must be regulated as groups, simplified, and under a no data no market approach. Group regulation prevents regrettable substitution and should be applied to plastic products, microplastics and materials that emit them the most.

A **dedicated fund** will guarantee predictable and stable capacity and funding, especially for SIDS and LDCs. The **fund should cover** compliance costs, reuse systems, and just transition including for waste pickers. It **must exclude** plastic-burning and toxics-intensive processes that harm health and the environment, from incineration to plastic-to-fuel and “chemical recycling”. Alternative financing can include taxes, levies and EPR, but **no plastic credits must be considered** to avoid greenwashing more pollution.