Iceland thinks that the Options Paper is a good basis for our discussions here, and should help us to move forward our agenda. Thanks to you, Chair and the Secretariat for bringing us to this point. We think the paper is well structured, and helps us to get a good overview over the various proposals and viewpoints from INC-1 and the numerous submissions received. We support your suggestion that we move swiftly to the mode of contact groups, elaborating on the options presented in the paper, and exchanging views on how to make the best use of it.

Iceland has sent in a written submission ahead of INC-2, which outlines our views. Iceland supports the statement made here by Mauritius on behalf of the High Ambition Coalition. In general we support an ambitious outcome - for a legally binding instrument that will tackle the whole life cycle of plastic and plastic products.

As for the objective, we sense a broad agreement. The main goal is clear: to end plastic pollution. It is good to spell out the main reasons, which is to protect the environment and human health.

As for the core obligations, the paper offers a rich menu of options to help us get less plastics, better and safer needed plastics, better waste handling, a move away from a linear towards a circular economy of plastics, and above all, less plastic pollution, moving towards zero. It is also important to address existing plastic pollution, including in the ocean and rivers.

Plastic pollution affects the whole globe, from Pacific island beaches to Arctic waters. We need to tackle this problem urgently and put an end to plastic pollution. We look forward to fruitful discussions here in Paris on
goals, obligations, means of implementation and other issues, which should provide a basis for a zero draft text before INC-3.

Thank you,