Indian delegation supports to have constructive and productive engagement on all elements dealing with substantive provisions of the proposed instrument. Our deliberations should be guided by UNEA 5/14.

We may work to develop consensus around the text given in UNEA 5/14.

In regard to the objective, India would like to refer to option 2 and would like to provide formulation in line with UNEA 5/14.

In the resolution 5/14, preamble notes with concern “that the high and rapidly increasing levels of plastic pollution represent a serious environmental problem at a global scale, negatively impacting the environmental, social and economic dimensions of sustainable development” and also reaffirmed “General Assembly resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, by which the General Assembly adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”.

Accordingly, we see that sustainable development should be part of the objective of the proposed instrument.