Iran inputs on final provisions

a. on Settlement of disputes

we fully support that the possible disputes to be settled through negotiation or other peaceful means, and that disputes between Parties must be resolved fairly and without discrimination.

A set of technical and administrative guidelines on settlement of disputes could also be discussed and adopted in the first meeting of the governing body of the instrument. So we do not need to discuss the annex for this purpose at this stage. Accordingly at this stage there is no need to focus on a comprehensive arbitration procedure and an annex on arbitration.

On environmental disputes, including on plastic pollution, and the suggestion on establishing an International Court of Environmental Issues, my delegation considers it against the sovereign right of countries. This is also against the peaceful settlement of disputes among countries. Therefore there is no need for putting a reference to such a controversial idea under this placeholder.

b. Amendments to the instrument

on this issue, similar to other MEAs the future instrument could also have some references to its amendments and the necessary procedures for this purpose in future without going into details in particular on expanding of the core obligations of the parties.

There could also be some references to the details of the procedures for such purposes including establishment of an authorized expert committee to review and recommend amendments, and the governing body to decide on the proposed amendments;

But we could not accept Consideration and adoption of amendments only upon a proposal by a Party.

We also reject adoption of substantial issues including amendments of the instrument through voting (including A three fourths majority) and such decisions should only happen through consensus for the adoption of amendments to the instrument;
On entry into force of adopted amendments, after ratification of the amendment there should be a two third majority and not a threshold majority of the Parties;

On Adoption and amendment of annexes, my delegation could not support any annex on Effective implementation of the instrument and minimum requirements for Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) systems.

On updating the certain annexes based on evolving scientific evidence, such lists should be prepared and adopted by the governing body and not in the form if annex to the instrument

We could not accept A three-fourths majority as a threshold for the adoption of amendments and we said before, this should be done through consensus.

Therefore we fully support that it would be premature to debate or agree on the adoption and amendment of annexes before considering whether the instrument will have annexes.

On Entry into force, and the possible requirements, we concure that entry into force take places on the ninetieth day after the date of deposit of the fiftieth instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession (similar to the Minamata and Stockholm Conventions); and

On supplementary criteria relating to the estimated total volume of plastic consumption, this premature to enter into such discussions at this stage and this should be deffered to a later stage after entry into force of the instrument.

On Reservations, we support the suggestion that reservations should be permitted under the instrument depending on the nature of the eventual obligations, and that reservations might be necessary or desirable, in some cases, to facilitate wider general acceptance of the final instrument, without undermining its objective.

On Withdrawal, there should be a possibility for doing so once a Party has decided to withdraw, and that a one year waiting period from the date of joining that instrument by that specific party could be considered for it.

On the suggestion that the provisions of the instrument could include trade restrictions on Parties in their dealing with non-Parties, we do not see it appropriate to establish any such rules and that such provisions should not hinder trade or prevent those Parties from business activities