IRAN inputs
on existing plastic pollution, Just Transition and Transparency, tracking, monitoring and labelling

- **existing plastic pollution**
  On the issue of existing plastic pollution, Iran believes that it is necessary to consider the role of developed countries and their historical responsibility in existing plastic pollution. Developing countries in their strive to mitigate, remediate and clean up activities are to a large extent dependent on having non discriminatory and unimpeded access to adequate finance, capacity building and technical and technological support. Therefore in any such activities and actions, they should not be left alone.
  On areas beyond national jurisdiction, due to the legal and political repercussions for countries, we prefer to include no such a reference in this section.
  And last but not the least, on mentioning of information on measures taken by countries to address existing plastic pollution in the national plans, it should be optional and to be addressed and decided in nationally determined manner in accordance with the national circumstances and capacities.

- **Just Transition**
  On the issue of Just Transition, this delegation believes that this issue should be elaborated in two layers.
  One is international layer, which means developed country Parties shall provide sufficient finance, technology transfer and capacity building support to affected developing country Parties, with the view to promote and facilitate the just transition of developing country Parties.
  The other is domestic layer, which means each party could promote and facilitate a fair, equitable and inclusive transition.
  Accordingly we would like to propose a new language for insertion under this section into the text of the Zero Draft as 2 following items:
  1- Each Party shall cooperate to promote and facilitate a fair, equitable and inclusive transition for affected Parties towards sustainable development, with special consideration for affected developing country Parties, in the implementation of this instrument. Developed country Parties shall provide sufficient finance, technology transfer and capacity building support to affected developing country Parties, with the view to promote and facilitate the just transition of developing country Parties.
  2- Each Party could promote and facilitate a fair, equitable and inclusive transition with special consideration for women, children and youth in the implementation of this instrument, including by, inter alia, enhancing institutional arrangement, enabling policies and conditions to improve the opportunities, capabilities and livelihoods of affected communities.
  The measures taken to implement this provision might be reflected in the national plan.

- **Transparency, tracking, monitoring and labelling**
  Regarding subparagraph 1.a, chemical composition of chemicals or polymers may disclose some information is under secrecy of patents and producers resists to present such information. Then we offer more general data about intended ingredients shall be given by producers.
Regarding subparagraph 1.b, tracing chemicals and polymers content is sensible just after their consumption. In this regard, definition of life cycle is limited after the consumption of these ingredients and it can not be extended to before of use. Moreover, chemical concentration after addition to plastics gradually depletes. Then, if the content is regulated and measured at the last step it is added to the plastics, no additional measure is needed because there is certainty that the concentration after last addition is lower than the primary one. In the case of plastics are used to make products, the same scenario could be followed and the last step plastic material is used to produce a product could be enough to know the content and no more measurement is needed after that.

Regarding subparagraph 1.c, we support it but for more efficiency it is proposed to establish a labelling or marketing coding system based on the present coding systems like recycling triangle and developing it. This labels or marks shall be easy and fast to be traced by eye or machines to accelerate and facilitate recycling and not restrict production.

Iran delegation supports paragraph 2 but it does not accept tracking, we exclude polymers and among the chemical and plastic applications we support just products made of them.

Regarding paragraph 3 we believe it must be encouraged and not mandated.