Jamaica’s textual proposals for the sections on Effectiveness Evaluation, International Cooperation, Information Exchange, Awareness-raising, Education and Research, Stakeholder Engagement of the Zero draft –

4a. Effectiveness Evaluation

The governing body shall establish an Effectiveness Evaluation and Review Committee to evaluate the effectiveness of the Convention and make recommendations accordingly. The terms of reference for the Committee and the modalities for effectiveness evaluation will be determined by the governing body at its [] session [amendment to paragraphs 1 and 2 under item 4a of the Zero draft.

Amendment of paragraph 3(f), change ‘financial assistance’ to ‘financial resources and mechanism’, and include the word ‘technical assistance’

Add new item (h) relevant reports from the chemicals-related agreements, multilateral environmental agreements that deal with climate change, biodiversity, law of the sea as well as multilateral organizations, including the WTO, WCO, WHO, and ILO.

4b. Review of chemicals and polymers of concern, microplastics and problematic and avoidable products

Jamaica reserves its views on the paragraphs under this section in the Zero draft until the substantive provisions of the instrument are fully elaborated as well as the process for the review and amendment of the annexes of the instrument.

6. Information exchange

i. new paragraph: The Secretariat shall serve as a clearinghouse mechanism for information provided by Parties, intergovernmental organizations, partners and other stakeholders related to the implementation of the instrument

ii. Under item 3( c ) reference to knowledge from indigenous people and local communities should be prefaced by the phrase ‘free, prior and informed consent’. Also, knowledge from information from workers in the informal plastic sectors, including waste pickers should also be included.

7. Awareness-raising, education and research

Jamaica has no objection to the paragraphs listed under this section as presented in the Zero draft.

8. Stakeholder engagement

Jamaica has no objection to the paragraphs listed under this section. However, the provisions related to this issue should be clear that stakeholder engagement should be proactive and inclusive. There should be specific mention of engagement of indigenous peoples and local communities, vulnerable groups, the scientific community, the private sector, at all levels, and the youth in this section.