I thank you Co-Facilitators,

Distinguished ladies & Gentlemen

At the very outset, allow me to welcome you to our beautiful country and city of Nairobi. We look forward to continue hosting you, over the coming days and hope to live up to our famed hospitality.

Madam Co-Facilitator,

The Kenyan Delegation registers its appreciation to the Secretariat for preparing the Synthesis report. My delegation notes that the mandate of the INC was clearly set out in UNEA Resolution 5/14 that provided the scope of the future instrument on plastic pollution, and that should form the basis for the scope of the instrument, that is: First to be an International legally binding instrument for the long-term elimination of plastic pollution and secondly, to provide a comprehensive approach that addresses the full life cycle of plastics from raw material extraction, production, design, use, consumption and disposal.

Further, UNEA 5/14 resolution affirmed that the principles of Rio Declaration on environment and development be taken into consideration while formulating the treaty. My delegation notes that Specific principles that should be considered in the drafting of this treaty should be:

The polluter pays and precautionary principles, and the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and Extended Producer Responsibility. Kenya is already implementing EPR for all products including plastics and is optimistic that all countries will embrace EPR. A very integral aspect that should also be considered is traceability and the principle of the just transition for ensuring an effective and equitable international legally binding instrument including integration and definition of Waste Pickers in the text of the Treaty

In addition, Kenya notes that the instrument should prioritize the human right to health, and access to a clean and healthy environment for both current and future generations in line with the aspirations of Agenda 2030.

My delegation notes that these principles could be included in the pre-ambulatory paragraphs as is the precedent in other MEAs, but we would like to stress the importance of operationalizing these principles in the control measures and means of implementation.

On the scope, my delegation notes that the overall scope of the treaty is adequately outlined in UNEA Resolution 5/14 and should cover aspects such as; the long-term elimination of plastic pollution to reverse the detriments of plastic pollution to ecosystems and the human activities dependent on them and finally through preventing plastic pollution and its related risks to human health and adverse effects on human well-being
and the environment through a comprehensive approach that addresses the full life cycle of plastic including the upstream sources of plastic pollution that should be addressed within the scope of the new treaty.

I thank you Co-facilitator.