Thank you co-facilitators

First of all, congratulations to both of you for renomination to serve as co-facilitators. We appreciate that the reward for good work is more work!

Mauritius would like to align itself with the proposal made by the Africa group and AOSIS. Mauritius also fully supports the proposal made by Rwanda and Micronesia. We firmly believe that a funding mechanism established under the most successful multilateral agreement, the Montreal Protocol, could be the basis of the funding mechanism to be proposed in the new treaty. That is a dedicated multilateral fund that would enable implementation of national action plans and other activities to be defined by the Parties including access to innovative technologies, capacity building as well as support remediation of legacy plastics in the marine environment, including areas beyond national jurisdiction. Moreover, the Multilateral Fund could be administered by an Executive Committee consisting of an equal number of representatives of donor and recipient countries including dedicated SIDS representation.

In parallel, co-chairs, we also welcome other sources of existing funding sources such as the Global Environment Facility to ensure complementarity and coherence.

Finally, co-chairs we also believe that waste pickers have an important role in ending plastic pollution, we therefore urge the treaty to recognize their effort and make a provision under the financing mechanism to be crafted under this treaty.

Thank you for your attention.