Preparatory meeting: Elements not covered during INC-2 and intersessional work.

Intervention of the Mexican Delegation.

Merci Madame Co-facilitator,

Mexico thanks the Secretariat and everyone involved in the Preparation of the Synthesis Report.

For scope, the resolution is crystal clear, and includes the full life-cycle of plastic. So we believe we should stick to that language and move on.

Regarding the Preamble, Mexico reiterates the elements contained in the proposal made by the GRULAC region for this section, without prejudice to adding other aspects related to UNEA resolution 5/14, including timelines.

On principles, Mexico strongly believes that we should prioritize those related to the human right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment, health, the rights of Indigenous Peoples, just transition, and a gender perspective. Moreover, we would like to see the Rio Declaration principles reflected, we can be flexible on stating them in general or listing those that are particularly relevant including the precautionary principle, and access to information and public participation.

Concerning definitions, although Mexico presented a long list of definitions identified in our legislation and as per our official standards, we are flexible in identifying those definitions that are essential for the implementation of the instrument.

We are looking forward to start substantive discussion on all 4 elements at Working group 3, as soon as possible. Hopefully next week, all Parties will want to avoid lengthy opening statements and submit them online, to optimize time, and rather focus on all the tasks we have ahead of us. So on the way forward, we support the creation of an informal working group and intersessional work in preparation for INC4.

We also support our very talented co-chairs and appreciate their work for preparing a non-paper with proposed elements for the preamble as the basis for our future discussions.