**Mexico’s proposals and highlights on preamble, definitions, principles and scope.**

**Preamble**

Mexico supports the inclusion of the elements contained in the submission sent by the GRULAC region for this section.

We want to stress the reaffirmation of the Rio Principles and the the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the recognition of the importance of a just transition; the recognition of a human-rights-based approach, including the rights of Indigenous Peoples; recognition of the importance of the informal sector; recognition of the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment, as well as recognition the interlinkages between the different planetary crisis such as climate change, biodiversity loss, pollution and desertification.

We consider important to Recall the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

We suggest recalling Resolution 76.17 of the World Health Assembly "The impact of chemicals, waste and pollution on human health" (2023); and ILO Fundamental Conventions.

**Definitions**

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, therefore, Mexico considers appropriate to start working with definitions existing in other MEAs, resolutions and relevant documents mentioned in the synthesis report, we also consider that there are definitions from other international bodies that could be relevant to the instrument and there are some definitions we could keep discussing while there is some advance on the deliberations of working group 1 regarding core obligations and control measures.

Some definitions related to bio plastics, compostable plastics, and definitions related to just transition; waste pickers, workers in informal and cooperative settings are not identified in the synthesis report and should be discussed as well.

Mexico is supportive of intersessional work to start discussions on relevant definitions related to discussions from WG1.
**Principles**

Mexico considers that principles should guide the implementation of the instrument so principles should be in the front of the text.

We strongly support the list of principles submitted by GRULAC, specially we consider important to 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 such as the precautionary principle, transparency, access to information and public participation; Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), CBDR, among others.

Mexico stresses the use of the best available science, including traditional knowledge and knowledge of Indigenous Peoples and local knowledge.

We also consider that international instruments must recognise the Importance of addressing gender equality and women’s and girls' empowerment in their implementation programmes and have consequently developed individual gender action plans to support States parties, so we support the gender perspective as a guiding principle.

Finally, we would like to see reflected the hierarchy of plastic as a principle to protect the rights to health and a healthy environment, considering that technically the best waste is that which is not generated, it is highly recommended to promote the prevention, reduction, reuse and recycling of plastic waste before considering the energetic use and its final disposal, seeking balance in all ecosystems of the planet.

**Scope**

Mexico considers that UNEA resolution 5/14 has the elements for the scope, which is based on a comprehensive approach that addresses the full life-cycle of plastic, including legacy plastic, to protect the environment and human health.