7. Extended producer responsibility

- Thank you, Madam Co-facilitator.

- Norway thinks **option one** would be the best *starting point* for further negotiations.

- Norway supports what has already been said by many delegations that the **polluter pays principle** should be a **core feature** in the plastic treaty. Extended producer responsibility systems is *one of several* measures to ensure the implementation of this principle. We need to shift the burden and cost of waste management from public authorities to producers. EPR is a way to ensure that the private sector is held accountable and secure stable and predictable sources of financing.

- EPR schemes can be simple or complex organisational systems, and we believe that the producer pays and waste prevention can be achieved in various EPR-set ups.

- It is important to note that the successful implementation of EPR systems is dependent on taking into account social, cultural and economic circumstances that vary between Parties. EPR systems should therefore be **flexible, fitted for purpose, evaluated and amended at the national level**.

- Norway is of the view that modalities proposed in an annex should be done on a sectoral and/or product basis. Our proposal presented yesterday on establishing dedicated programmes of work would be a good way to ensure relevant sector and expert input and in developing guidance. We favour a phased approach and modalities for EPR on packaging should be given priority.

- Thank you.