The submission of Norway

Thank you co chair

- We thank the secretariat for having prepared the synthesis report and congratulate the co-chairs on your appointment.

- **For the preamble**, Norway would prefer waiting with further developments of the preamble until substantive elements have been discussed.

- The synthesis report provides a useful overview of the many issues that could be elaborated in the preamble. Norway would highlight the interlinkages between the triple planetary crises of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution, as well as recognising plastic pollution’s impact on human health and planetary boundaries.

- **For definitions**, Norway recognize the need to define certain terms to avoid ambiguity as the negotiations advance, but these terms should be identified and develop in relation to the specific provisions and do not require a dedicated negotiating track or specific time set aside. Where possible, relying on definitions that have been adopted or endorsed by other intergovernmental processes, including working definitions as necessary.

**On principles**, this delegation is open to including certain principles in the context of understanding specific provisions. We do not see the need for a dedicated provision listing a number of stand-alone principles.

- **Finally**, Norway sees the scope outlined in the UNEA resolution as the basis for our work in the INC addressing the full life cycle. Norway does not see the need to include a dedicated article further defining a scope for the agreement.

- Many MEAs do not operate with a dedicated scope article, instead the scope follows from the individual articles, and usually the objective of the agreement and key definitions will be sufficient and indirectly serve the purpose as a scope.

Thank you