The State of Qatar proposals regarding the obligations.

Obligation regarding #3: Possible core obligation: banning, phasing out and/or reducing the production, consumption and use of chemicals and polymers of concern

Qatar do not fully support section (a) and (c) in which it effects the economy of some nations and since plastics are used in medical sectors, we can’t fully ban without having suitable alternative.

And regarding section (b) we support what United Arab Emirates proposed to point out the problematic plastic and then decide the suitable criteria to determine and prioritize problematic and avoidable plastics products.

Obligation regarding #5: Possible core obligation: strengthening waste management

Qatar supports section (a), as developing waste management infrastructure for recycling will enable us to reach nationally determined plans, and come closer to ending plastic waste pollution including the marine life.

Also, noting that for section a (i) deploy and foster the development of technologies for not only the collection but also separation of plastic wastes.

For section b(ii), we need to consider the capabilities of other countries when noting the prohibited dangerous practices.

Furthermore, for section b(v), we require disposal workers and collectors to prepare an action plan that includes individual waste reduction targets since producers might not have the ability for monitoring the waste management.

Regarding EPR schemes we fully reject it since countries should have the right to decide whether they want implement it or not.

Obligation regarding #6: Possible core obligation: fostering design for circularity

The State of Qatar supports obligation #6 section (c), as we aim to encourage design for circularity of plastic waste. However, similar to what had been mentioned, we have concerns with regards to a global harmonized system and methodology, as we will continue to support nationally determined plans and strategies.
Obligation regarding #12: Possible core obligation: protecting human health from the adverse effects of plastic pollution

Qatar support obligation #12, sections a (i) , (ii) , But we want to clarify that dealing with plastics in a safe way after usage will not affect humans’ health but the bad treatment after usage will lead to a major health effect, and the pollution leading from plastics have a huge adverse effect on human health.