Contact Group 3

Thailand’s views on the Synthesis report
at the third session of Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee
to develop an international legally binding instrument on Plastic Pollution,
including in the marine environment (INC-3)
14 November 2023, UNEP Headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya

Thank you madame co-facilitator,

My delegation would like to congratulate you and your co-facilitator upon your appointment.

We would like to response to your guiding questions as the followings.

First, on the scope of the instrument, we support resolution 5/14 as the basis of the scope of the instrument placed in a scope provision including the description of what would be included as plastic pollution and boundary of the plastic lifecycle.

Second, we would like to address principles and preamble together. In our view, we support the principles to be as a part of preamble and also in relevant provisions, but there is no need to have a specific provision. In addition to my general statement on principles, we also would like to emphasize trade policy measures for environmental purposes that should not constitute a means of arbitrary or unjustifiable discrimination or a disguised restriction on international trade and the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 76/300 on the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment.

Third, regarding definitions, we are view of definitions can be identified and further compiled from addition submissions during our group work including terms identified during the group 1 discussion and, by taking into account those listed in the synthesis report and all submissions, including Thailand’s pre-submission. Then this matter can be posted as one of the intersessional works regarding technical issues and at the late stage, after almost finalizing the key provisions, the definitions can be reviewed and finalized.

Last, we will re-submit our inputs to the zero draft as invited including issues discussed in our group as well.

I thank you.