Thank you Mr Chairman, Uganda would like to add her voice to those of other delegates in thanking you the Chair and the Secretariat for a job well done in steering the INC process thus far. Uganda congratulates the Government and People of Kenya for the warm hospitality accorded to the delegates.

Mr Chairman, Uganda would like align herself on the statement read by distinguished delegate of Ghana on behalf of the 54 Africa Member States.

Uganda welcomes the Zero Draft document by Chair and look forward to working with other delegates to come up with a zero draft adopted by INC3 to inform Country negotiations as we move towards INC4.

The Republic of Uganda looks forward to an Instrument with binding and non binding provisions to control plastic pollution on land and in water. Uganda is alive to the fact that the Instrument we are developing, inline with UNEA Resolution 5/14 is not about plastic and plastic products perse but the negative impacts of plastics on human health and environment.
We are therefore aware that there are several plastic products that will still be useful and without alternatives including use of plastics in production of computers, vehicles, tyres, fabric among others. Uganda looks forward to negotiating an instrument that prevents and/or controls pollution across the entire lifecycle of plastics from manufacture, movement, use and disposal as opposed to emotional condemnation of the term plastics.

Uganda stands ready to engage in meaningful negotiations with the rest of the delegates in finding effective solutions to plastic pollution and ensuring that production and consumption of plastics is safe for human health and the environment.

Mr Chairman, the zero draft uses several terms that will require defining. We propose that unconventional terms used in the text, be defined by the same contact group as opposed to a dedicated working group which may be delinked from the original context of the usage of the terms.

Thank you Mr Chairman.