Thank you Mister Chair,

Türkiye has previously stated the importance of the wide stakeholder participation in the process with this opportunity my delegation would like to underscore once again this point.

Having Said that...i would like to bring your kind attention to the following:

We are aware that in this session we are discussing stakeholder engagement outside of member states. However, as the Turkish delegation, we find it useful to first raise an issue regarding the participation of member states in the process.

I would like to begin my speech by recalling the critical importance of the responsibility given by the decision on End Plastic Pollution adopted at UNEA 5.

We are all, aware of the importance of fulfilling this task.

In that regard, we believe that the negotiation process has to be carried out with a transparent, fair and equitable manner.

However, some regional groups’ meetings did not hold regularly or efficiently.

Therefore, some countries, including Turkey, cannot not find any opportunity to express the views and perspectives within these regional groups in which they have the right to vote. We have the difficulty to understand what are the roles and responsibilities of the regional groups some of which are not convened, in the negotiation process.

We are pleased if the Secretariat clarify this point.

Thank you.