KSA intervention on

Agenda (3) Potential Elements
a). for Core Obligations, Control Measures, and voluntary approaches

Thank you Chair for giving us the floor. We would like to extend our thanks to the secretariat for preparing and providing the document to guide our discussions and hopefully enable us to progress constructively.

To start, we believe that any discussion must recognize the vital role that plastic plays in sustainable development and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. Therefore, any measures taken by this treaty shall recognize the importance of the continuation of plastic production while ensuring the effective management of plastic waste by relying on circular approaches to emissions and waste management.

Countries must have the capacity to understand, assess, and address the socio-economic impacts of the implementation of response measures. This is especially important for developing countries. The treaty must have practical provisions that take into account different national circumstances, needs and priorities.

With regard to core obligations, control measures and voluntary approaches, it is my country’s view that:

A) For Core obligations: they should be broad enough to encompass the sole objective of this treaty as stated in UNEA 5/14, to end pollution resulting from plastic waste. This can be achieved when tackling the root cause of the Pollution, which is ineffective management of waste. Core obligations shall be solely focused on promoting, environmentally sound management (ESM) with consideration of all stages of plastic as stated in decision 5/14. to achieve a comprehensive and an inclusive treaty, these specific obligations, shall be based on national circumstances, with special flexibility provisions to developing countries, underpinned by bottom-up approaches. These specific obligations shall refer to the objective of the treaty as mandated and by the scope of the treaty.

B) For Control Measures: Open communication channels between parties of the treaty and the instrument must be established, to aid in the communication of nationally determined action plans without any standardization or harmonization to the elements in these communications or in the plans themselves as all of this should be nationally determined, based on a bottom-up approach, aligned with each country's national strategy, and address the pollution within each country's geographical boundaries.
C) *For Voluntary approaches:* We understand that some parties will have more capacity, capability and access to relevant technologies than others. This instrument should enable those parties to increase their ambitious, if they wish to do so.