Thank you very much, Mr. Chair.

Regarding scientific and technical cooperation and coordination, research and awareness raising, Thailand recognizes the importance and necessity of best available scientific and technical knowledge and know-how as well as local knowledge and wisdom, in particular from indigenous peoples, in addressing the plastic pollution. Those are required the cooperation and coordination among Member States and all stakeholders including academic and research institutes, IGOs, NGOs, and also synergies between relevant existing MEAs and the new setting of SPP on Chemicals, Waste and Pollution to explore solutions and findings in supporting the negotiation and implementation processes.

Among other things, it should be considered to include mechanisms in the instrument in which make available further development of innovations and researches in minimizing problematic plastic production and consumption, including micro/nano-plastics and unintentional toxic releases into the environment as well as in exploring available and sustainable alternatives, on basis of relevant scientific knowledge and evidences, socio-economical and practical possibilities, with aims to reduce barriers to achieve the sustainable circularity of plastics and overcome intensive burdens to our global spheres. These mechanisms need to strengthen the aforementioned cooperation and coordination.

Thank you very much.

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