Thank you Chair,

The preparation of control measures is an issue that should be emphasized. It is necessary to address the entire life cycle of plastic, starting with the production of plastic, and to take actionable measures at every step. At this point, all countries must contribute to the process by showing determination. In addition, it is important to monitor and report whether the prepared measures are fulfilled or not, and to provide technical and financial support to the countries where they are lacking by evaluating the national monitoring reports produced within the scope of scientific methods.

For the purpose of creating a healthy and habitable environment and transition to circular economy for the existing and future generations by preserving our natural resources and eco-systems to determine a plastic strategy has a great importance.

We would like to share some keynotes from our experiences obtained our national action plan implementations from Regional Sea Conventions and waste management and action plan with the floor.

Firstly, national action plans should be prepared in the presence of all relevant stakeholders and their opinions should be reflected to the NAP’s. So that stakeholder analysis must be conducted precisely in order to have a clear and applicable NAP. In order to ensure prevention, reduction and elimination principles, NAPs should include national targets, actions regarding to reach the targets and timeline for the targets.

Secondly, as the different geographical challenges needs different solutions; NAP’s should be adaptable to all coverage area.

NAPs could be a useful tool for encouraging the national implementations, facilitate monitoring the activities and follow up the developments. Besides NAPs of the countries could enable to present current situation about the actions so that the actions could be supported by the international instrument in financial or technical way.

Last but not least, the national action plans should be compatible with the neighboring regions.

Thank you.