• The UK supports the full consideration of a combination of international obligations and national measures across the whole lifecycle of plastic to ensure that the treaty can adequately address the transboundary nature of plastic pollution.

• The UK recognises the importance of the treaty taking into consideration different countries’ circumstances and that national action plans will be an important element of the treaty.

• But whilst there are undoubtedly differences between countries, there are also many similarities

• As a member of the High Ambition Coalition to End Plastic Pollution, the UK believes the treaty should contain legally binding international obligations.

• These obligations should not only target problematic, unnecessary and avoidable plastic, but also ensure a more harmonised global regulatory framework that promotes transparency and can ensure that National Action Plans are as effective as possible, enable investment in technologies and provide long term certainty to businesses.

• To support the INC to make informed decisions about which obligations and control measures to include, we request that the Secretariat compiles a paper ahead of INC 2 outlining the different options available.

• The UK would also support scientific technical reporting and cooperation, effectiveness evaluation and national reporting, and provisions on compliance.