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In paragraph 20, the AHEG has not agreed on the distinction between response option components and mechanisms to accelerate the implementation of such components. The response options outlined in the components section can occur independently without strengthening existing mechanisms or developing a new agreement, and the United States does not support making such a distinction. We suggest reverting to presenting all response options on an equal basis.

In paragraph 20 b, we suggest the Chair Summary clarify that National Action Plans could cover the entire upstream/downstream lifecycle of plastics. In the current draft, it seems to suggest that National Action Plans must/should cover the entire upstream/downstream lifecycle. It is up to a country to decide on their own National Action Plan and many countries already have national action plans structured to address the conditions and issues specific to their country.