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Mr. Chair, we are happy to note that since yesterday and up today, many of our colleagues, from the 54 African States, the Nordic States, the EU Member States, Peru and in Asia, our colleagues from Vietnam and Singapore, among others, have emphasized the global transboundary nature of the problem and the need for a global agreement to be considered at UNEA5, that takes into account both upstream and downstream activities with consideration of national circumstances and respective capacities.

Similarly, we are also happy to note during our Regional Consultation, that the need for a global agreement was also echoed by the Pacific Island countries through the intervention of Micronesia and Tonga.

Mr. Chair, on another note, with respect to Agenda 6 and the proposed outline, it is our hope that these preferred options by many of the countries will be reflected objectively in the Summary. Likewise, we hope to see in the Summary the commonalities of potential elements of a global treaty that many countries proposed.

Thank you once again, Mr. Chair.###