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We would like to start by thanking the attention and work of countries on marine litter and plastic pollution. We highly appreciate the statement and support many previous interventions made by countries, that further support on finance and capacity-building towards developing countries, especially LDCs and SIDs, are critical.

In addition, we would like to see civil society stakeholders engagement being addressed further and we appreciate UNEP, Argentina, Singapore and many more, for addressing the importance of civil society stakeholders engagement in all levels of the work in their remarks and interventions, and we thank Antigua & Barbuda for highlighting the importance of youth engagement. We urge countries and related UN agencies and bodies to further include constituencies, especially civil society stakeholders like youth, women, and indigenous peoples in all levels of work.

Further, we strongly encourage countries to support further joint work on this topic between UNEP, UNFCCC, CBD, and IMO, especially as ocean's connection with the climate and biodiversity conventions were highlighted in various remarks yesterday.

Last but not the least, we give our Full support to potential interventions of colleagues from the Women's Major Group and UNEP MGCY, thank you very much.