

AGN Closing Statement

Mr. Chair

1. I deliver this statement on behalf of the Africa Group of Negotiators.
2. We would like to thank the Government of Switzerland for hosting us in Geneva. We also thank the INC-Secretariat for organizing this resumed session.

Distinguished Delegates,

3. We, the Africa region, reaffirm our common ambition to end plastic pollution through a **legally binding global treaty** that protects **human health and the environment**. The treaty must include measures that address **plastics across the full lifecycle** as mandated by [UNEA resolution 5/14](#), adopted by consensus at UNEA-5.2, in March 2022, in Nairobi, Kenya and [AMCEN decision 19/2](#), also adopted by consensus at AMCEN-19, in August 2023 at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
4. **Africa Did Not Start it, but Can End it.**
5. African countries came to these negotiations with more than words; we have been fully committed to this process. Binding commitments to end plastic pollution must be accompanied by **clear obligations to provide multilateral finance**—finance that is **adequate, stable, accessible, and predictable**. Without this, African countries will not be able to implement the treaty at scale, protect vulnerable communities, or transition to sustainable production and consumption systems.
6. Though the Chair’s text did not meet the aspirations of all Member States, it could serve as the basis for future work.

7. Africa demands a clear way forward and another INC where we can resume negotiations and, this time, develop a draft that reflects the mandate of UNEA 5/14 resolution and the high ambition that the world needs. We cannot accept it as it is, but we will accept it if we can build on it and modify it in a fair and inclusive process.

8. In committing to ambitious action under this treaty—even where our contributions to the problem are limited— Africa is offering leadership and demanding justice. It is time the rest of the world meets us there.

9. Africa is prepared to act in unity and in purpose. We call on all parties to meet this spirit with the same long-term vision, not just for their nations, but for the generations this treaty must serve.

I Thank you