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His Excellency Ambassador Luis Vayas Valdivieso

Chairperson, Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on Plastic Pollution
UNEP

Subject: Appeal from All India Plastics Manufacturers Association re. INC 5.2

His Excellency,

AIPMA believes following are undeniable realities:

- i) Created by modern science, plastics became materials available in quantities needed in humanity's growth trajectory of longevity, health, food security and prosperity. Plastics have provided BENEFITS to young and old, needy and the affluent, in all geographies.
- ii) And, their virtues brought plastics into our lives with unparalleled speed and scale that did not allow mankind to plan for their end-of-life fate. Hence, pollution of plastics has now become an undebatable reality that HARMS the Global North as well as the Global South.

Hence **AIPMA supports the efforts by UNEP** to have a Global Treaty aimed at managing/ preventing plastic pollution.

Towards this,

- A) AIPMA supports the Chair's Text as a base document for the negotiations at INC-5.2.
- B) However, we have disagreements with the following Articles as currently stipulated:
 - **Article 3** (Plastic Products): we believe that Annex Y Part II should not be a part of this Treaty as discussion on chemicals are best left to Multilateral Agreements that are capable of taking a comprehensive view on Safety of Chemicals, not just chemicals in plastics.
 - **Article 5** (Plastic Product Design):
 - a) Should focus on making less complex product-formats to achieve same functionality as in multi-material plastics, by exploiting the power of polymer science.
 - b) About non-plastic/alternative materials:

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In addition to their safety, promotion of alternative materials should

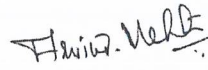
- Examine if they will become available in quantities that will sustain humanity's growth.
- Besides, all new materials are fraught with unknown problems, hence it is better to stay with plastics whose problems are known.
- **Article 6** (Sustainable Production): we believe that any cap on production of Primary polymers will do more harm than good to humanity as its growing needs in a multitude of areas cannot be met with other materials in the quantities needed. Hence, we would like this Article to be removed.
- C) We wish to suggest that Sustainable Production or Life Cycle approach mentioned in Resolution 5/14 be interpreted as Production matching Waste Managing capability. Hence, production levels are best left to each country and not centrally capped.
- D) We want to ask that INC-5.2 focus on helping countries
 - a) Increase their waste management capabilities (**Article 8**)
 - b) Build programmes for behavioural change to eradicate LITTERING habits (**Art. 18**).
- E) We ask that science-based discussions must exhibit faith in science to develop solutions to the pollution problem, such as Recycling and design of less complex product formats.
- F) Similarly, claimed harm of microplastics can be overcome by science alone (**Article 19**).

AIPMA hopes that the negotiations at Geneva happen in non-adversarial manner and we are able to have a healthy and realistic Treaty that we can start implementing right away.

Thank you.



Manoj R Shah
President



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