

The Federative Republic of Brazil

National Intervention of the Federative Republic of Brazil at the start of the fourth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to develop a legally binding international instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment.

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Thank you, Mister Chair,

The Brazilian delegation wishes you all success as Chair of INC and thanks Canada, for welcoming us all in such a beautiful venue.

Dear colleagues,

Brazil supports the statement by Uruguay on behalf of GRULAC.

Brazil is very committed to an international legally binding treaty to end plastic pollution, that has everybody, every country and every sector of society on board.

Committed also to building the best possible agreement on the best available science, Brazil co-organized with the UK informal expert consultations on polymers and chemicals of concern and problematic and avoidable plastic products.

Science tells us we need to focus on plastics not only as waste but as products per se. We need more transparency regarding their composition, ban or restrict certain types of problematic applications of those polymers and chemicals, and stop producing products that harm human health and the environment. We shall leave behind at once the old linear way of production - producing, using, and disposing - and move towards a circular way by designing, producing, using and reusing, recycling, remanufacturing. We need to identify the measures, lists and annexes to be adopted globally until INC-5, so we all have clarity on the measures we will implement together.

Like other developing countries who preceded us today, we support intersessional work on means of implementation that does not avoid the issue of a financial mechanism for this treaty. The agreement will never work in the real world if we don't estimate the costs and provide developing countries with the necessary financial resources, technologies, and capacities. We need to prioritize science and innovation in developing countries as new solutions and technologies are quite often far from developing countries, in particular SIDS and LDCs.

Finally, on the social aspects of our endeavor, let's protect and empower all workers in the plastic value chain, in particular informal workers, such as waste pickers.

Mr. Chair, you have our full support. Secretariat, thank you so much for the revised draft text. Let's have a successful meeting.

Thank you.