

INTERVENTION FOR INC5.2 CLOSING PLENARY

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Local & Subnational Governments Coalition to End Plastic Pollution statement

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Thank you Chair

Dear Excellencies,

I'm taking the floor on behalf of the *Local and Subnational Governments Coalition to End Plastic Pollution*, coordinated by ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability, the governments of Quebec and Catalonia, the Global Cities Hub and United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) with more than 100 signatories.

The Coalition will continue to engage constructively with Member States to highlight the key priorities of local and subnational governments. These priorities include: practical implementation of relevant measures, information sharing, capacity-building, committing and accessing funding, and participation in future Conferences of the Parties supporting Member States. Involving local and subnational governments means ambitiously implementing what should be an ambitious treaty.

Our Coalition stands ready to help pave the way, as we look towards the next steps.

We would like to again highlight 3 points:

Firstly, Local and Subnational governments are the closest level of government to the people, where implementation happens – this includes, for example, not only elements of the circular economy, but also waste management. Essential separation at source and prevention measures including reuse, refill, and repair amongst others initiatives are catalysed when local and subnational levels are actively involved. However, we also need to address chemicals of concern and consider production levels, upstream measures.

Secondly, local and subnational governments can proactively support the implementation of the treaty with policy tools available at these levels of governments.

And finally, local and subnational governments commit to enhance alignment with their respective national governments. Through appropriate mechanisms for multilevel

governance and action we can uphold the principles of transparency, just transition, accountability, and sovereignty.

We thank the Chair, the Member States, the Secretariat and observers for their hard work over the past two weeks, and look forward to taking the process forward.