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The Executive Secretary of the INC
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Ladies and Gentlemen

1. I Thank the chair for giving us the opportunity to deliver this statement. Kenya aligns itself to the statement delivered by the distinguished representative of Ghana on behalf of the African States.

2. Kenya believes this session has covered considerable ground that we can build on moving forward. We congratulate the Chair, the co-facilitators, the contact group chairs, and the sub-group leads for the efforts made towards building consensus. Kenya assures all of its continued support.

3. However, Kenya recognizes that there are some areas that need further work ahead of INC-5 in Busan. There is need to narrow the options in the text to a maximum of three based on the commonalities of ideas to expedite the negotiations.

4. We support the proposal for inter-sessional work and the formation of the legal drafting group. We urge you Chair to come up with innovative ways that ensure openness, inclusivity and effective participation of all in these two processes.

5. Chair, Kenya believes that every effort should be made for us member States to reach an agreement on the rules of procedure. This is critical if we are to bequeath to the world a treaty that is both elaborate and effective in tackling plastic pollution including in the marine environment.

6. Regarding substantive matters, Kenya prioritizes the development and implementation of national actions plans that address all phases of the plastic lifecycle, with the ultimate
goal of protecting human, animal and plant health as well as the environment and ecosystems.

7. **We support the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) to be applied at all levels to promote transparency and accountability along the entire product life cycle. We believe circular economy is integral to realizing action for eliminating waste, keeping products and materials in use and regenerating natural systems.**

8. **Strong regulatory systems backed by capacity building and transfer of environmentally sound technologies are indispensable if we are to achieve the very objectives and goals we are seeking under this treaty.**

9. There is no doubt, that the success of this treaty will be determined by the availability and quality of financing. Kenya supports the establishment of a dedicated and predictable multilateral fund for this purpose. Access to the fund should reflect local contexts and priorities.

10. Chair, Kenya recognizes that all countries are at different levels of development, capabilities and circumstances. Therefore, responsibilities and obligations should reflect this reality.

11. Tackling plastic pollution cannot be realized by governments alone. We must work in concert with all stakeholders including the youth, the private sector, the civil society and the traditional and indigenous people.

12. The treaty should provide an ecosystem and incentives that enhance the capacity of the youth in driving change through initiatives and innovations that harness the expanding power of technology.

13. The treaty must provide for investments in research and development as well as exchange of information, knowledge, lessons learnt and best practices that promote sustainable plastic management practices.

14. The treaty should provide for incentives that accelerate transition to circular economy for plastics along the products supply chains. The EPRs should encompass the full range of product lifecycle costs, including their end of life.

15. The treaty aims to tackle cross-cutting challenges of plastic pollution: from chemicals, waste and biodiversity and nature. The current text lacks commensurate provisions for biodiversity. Kenya therefore proposes a placeholder for a standalone sub-heading on biodiversity. We request the topic be included in the agenda for the inter-sessional work.
16. Chair, Kenya believes that the plastic pollution issue is both significant in urgency and scale. For the world to end plastic pollution, the treaty must be visible with its own character, life and profile. It must not be perceived as an appendage of any existing treaty (ies).

17. Finally, Kenya reiterates its full support for the African Group Position that the Secretariat of this treaty should be domiciled at UNEP HQs, in line with strengthening and consolidating UNEP functions as mandated in paragraph 88 of the Rio Outcome Document, the Future We Want.

18. The appetite is growing and consensus is building on this matter. We urge all to support.

Thank you Chair