IPI, India is a Professional Body having international presence and affiliations of Plastic Technologists, Academicians, Economists and Students engaged in Education, Training, Manpower Development, and Dissemination of Knowledge. We have been hearing the perspectives from the delegates of various Countries and the observers. Some of these perspectives have been very balanced and pragmatic, but some seemed to be out of place and emotive.

We are all aware that impact of the decisions taken under this Treaty will be far reaching, and more so for developing countries like India. India is among the fastest growing economies and it has been placed on fact that the Plastic Consumption and economical growth are very closely related. Any cap on production of Plastic raw materials will be greatly detrimental to our economic growth and social development. This includes food security, healthcare and emerging technologies in aerospace, etc. So, we request that the scope of the INC discussions be limited to Plastic Pollution; Plastic as defined in ISO standards and not include Polymers or Chemicals as it needs separate expertise and understanding for discussion.

It is to be noted that India is growing while ensuring sustainability. India has already implemented ban on problematic single use Plastics. India has put in place and amongst most nations has a very stringent and comprehensive EPR framework. On other sustainability frontiers also India is aggressively pursuing Green Energy initiatives towards net zero and is also an area where we need plastics. We have 4’ largest Rail network in the world and 85% of that has been electrified. We have commissioned 75 GW of Solar Power till Jan’24. We have advanced our target of 20% Bio-Ethanol blending in fuels by 5 years to 2025.

India’s Per capita consumption of Plastics is very low as compared to the developed countries. So for “Just Transition” the developing counties like India needs to be considered at a different base.

We request that nothing discussed or agreed here shall go against the spirit of “Right to Development”, declared under the Geneva Convention and other previous declarations.

We also need to note and appreciate the geography of countries like India which have some of the highest mountains in the Himalaya’s and equally the pristine coral islands of Lakshadweep and very sensitive about the nature.

We also request that our discussions and decisions be driven by the scientific data and practicality and the right balance of emotions.

Thank You