



Statement by Minderoo Foundation

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Minderoo Foundation thanks negotiators representing member states gathered in Geneva for INC-5.2 for their efforts to decide a Global Plastics Treaty. We also thank INC Chair, Ambassador Luis Vayas Valdivieso, and the Secretariat for their work preparing for this session of the INC.

The Global Plastics Treaty is a once in a lifetime opportunity to create universal protection against health harms caused by chemicals found in plastic and make plastic polluters pay for it.

We must stop the current fossil fuel driven use of plastic. We must protect our children and the planet. The Treaty must address the full lifecycle of plastic and be led by science to protect human health.

One of the world's most respected medical journals, The Lancet has recognised plastic as a threat to humanity. Scientists continue to amass undeniable proof that chemicals found in plastic leach into our bodies and are strongly linked with irreparable harm. Some of these chemicals hack our hormones and are linked to changing the way our brains are wired and how we grow and develop.

We urge negotiators from every nation now gathered in Geneva to have the ambition to endorse a strong Global Plastics Treaty that will give us a chance at a better future.

But this cannot be done at any cost. Negotiations to finalise the Global Plastics Treaty must lead to the elimination of plastic in the environment and the proliferation of single use plastic otherwise the Treaty is meaningless.

Minderoo strongly supports a Global Plastics Treaty that includes:

- Stronger, targeted regulations for chemicals used in plastic to ensure harmful chemicals proven to harm human health are removed from plastic, and
- An innovative financing mechanism to ensure that every country can implement the same protections.

Together, these measures not only protect health, but will help usher in a new era of economic opportunity and prosperity.

With a strong Global Plastics Treaty, we can open the opportunity for all nations to transition away from plastics and make sustainable materials the drivers of progress.

We urge negotiators at INC-5.2 to endorse a Global Plastics Treaty that marks the end of harmful plastic and the beginning of a better future.

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