

Thank you chair

Along with the AOSIS, Africa group and High Ambition Coalition, we wish to thank the INC Secretariat for putting together an unedited assembled text for us. This text represents progress including some very hard work to build convergences. However, this long text full of brackets, as highlighted by Columbia and other delegates, is also sadly a reflection that we are not moving fast enough this week, and we are still not being able to resolving core issues.

Nonetheless, we look forward to working with the chair's process following the conclusion of this plenary, but we must focus on streamlining and refining the text we need for an effective treaty- and engaging in the substantive exchanges needed for us to reach there.

We underline the urgency of concluding an ambitious and effective treaty this week that addresses the full life cycle of plastics. We are running out of time. The world, has high hopes on us, especially the youth, who have high expectation from us.

At this point of negotiations, my humble plea to all INC members is, we need to be extremely focused on what is essential in the treaty text, avoid wish lists and consider which elements can be further elaborated by the COP. We must now focus on what specific text (including Articles 3,5,6,8,9,10, 11, 12, 19 and 20) is essential to ensure that we have the core elements needed for an effective treaty- one that will provide a basis for decades to come, is implementable, easily

accessible financing mechanism to SIDS, Africa and least developing countries and will ensure that the treaty can evolve over time.

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