Thank you, co-facilitators and good evening to all.

My name is Pamela Miller, and I serve as Co-Chair of IPEN, a network of more than 600 civil society organizations from over 120 countries, and also as executive director of Alaska Community Action on Toxics.

Without curbing plastic production, it will be impossible to end plastic pollution. We thank Rwanda and Peru for their proposal on the need to curb production of primary plastics.

Scientific evidence underscores the undeniable truth: Plastics are chemicals, posing significant threats to our environment and health. Current MEAs do not have the mandate to address this and today less than 1% of plastic chemicals are regulated internationally throughout their full lifecycle.

Failing to eliminate hazardous plastic chemicals under this treaty would be a grave oversight, undermining our efforts to combat this global challenge comprehensively.

IPEN supports the leadership of countries presenting proposals on chemicals, including the EU, Norway, Cook Islands and Rwanda and we encourage the INC to further advance these approaches in the coming days and to develop them intersessionally.

The Plastics Treaty must prevent harm to human health and the environment through all stages of the toxic plastics cycle. Your decisions here will affect our future generations.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to working with you.