Thank you chair.

Excellencies, I am delivering this statement on behalf of the **Local and Subnational Governments Coalition to end plastic pollution**. The Coalition was convened under the leadership of ICLEI, the government of Catalonia, Le gouvernement du Québec and UCLG, with the support of many partners such as Geneva Cities Hub, Regions4, WWF, C40, and in collaboration with UN-Habitat and UNEP.

This instrument seeks ambitious global action to leave a beautiful, clean, healthy world for generations to come. A world in which nature and people thrive together.

To succeed, we need to work with multiple stakeholders, who offer different perspectives, who bring unique skills, relationships and competencies.

We need to support community-led solutions, particularly those that undo social and gender inequities, that replenish the environment, and that include the voices and priorities of indigenous peoples, youth and women.

Local and Subnational Governments understand the unique needs of their communities and environments. They are well placed to ensure context-appropriate social and technical infrastructures and processes that can support to end plastic pollution. Further, they can share their best practices and expertise to prevent plastic pollution around the world. Local and Subnational Governments are therefore your best partners for the future implementation of the treaty.

We wish to appreciate the Parties that have already included us in the text.

The Local and Subnational Governments Coalition has been well received since its official launch and will continue to bring additional signatories to support an ambitious, inclusive, multi-level instrument.

We are here to help - we can support with appropriate wording during these negotiations, and with effective implementation into the future.
We look forward to engaging in the intersessional period. Together, through a whole-of-society approach, we can ensure the legacy of this thriving, inclusive and healthy planet, for all.