

MALAYSIA SUBMISSION FOR INC-5.2

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Thank you Mr. Chair.

Malaysia takes this opportunity to express our gratitude to the Chair, the Secretariat, the Co-Chairs for all Contact Groups and the Co-Facilitators for all informal discussions. Last but not least to the host country, Switzerland, for the warm hospitality extended.

Malaysia's delegation as well as other delegations have been working hard for the past 5 days trying to find common landing zones. Despite that, major divergences in the core elements of the draft text still exist, particularly in relation to the Scope, Preamble, Principles, Articles 3, 6, 11, 19 and many others.

We strongly believe that this instrument can be concluded if we can find common ground driven by national determination and capabilities. Malaysia stands firm with our position that this Instrument must focus on tackling plastic pollution by establishing effective mechanisms to improve infrastructure, incentivize innovation and drive circularity.

After 5 days of negotiation, we are now presented with an assembled text that still contains more than [500 or maybe more than that] square brackets.

Having seen the Assembled Text, Malaysia raises our concern regarding the modalities of work of the contact group and informal session. Parties have spent hours debating on inclusion of Scope in the instrument, but we are disappointed to see that the option for scope is not even reflected in the assembled text. Malaysia takes the stand that the scope is fundamental and vital to serve as parameters of this instrument.

We also wish to register our concern that, despite 5 days of negotiations, some Articles in the contact groups have yet to commence its textual negotiations. Timely progress is essential if we are to reach a balanced and workable outcome within the limited time available.

This is a serious concern, and we urge the Chair to resolve the inconsistent modalities of work to ensure that member states could continue to work constructively with the ambition of concluding this instrument here in Geneva.

Let us concentrate on points of convergence and bring forth an outcome that is balanced, practicable, realistic, and implementable at both national and global levels, all driven by the ambition to address plastic pollution.

Thank you.