Dear Chair,

I am writing on behalf of the Government of Nepal to request the incorporation of several crucial points into the revised draft of the plastics treaty currently under consideration. Our nation is deeply committed to addressing the global crisis of plastic pollution, and we believe that the inclusion of the following points will significantly enhance the effectiveness of the treaty:

**High Mountain Plastic Pollution Issues:** It is imperative to acknowledge the unique challenges posed by plastic pollution in high mountain regions. We propose that text of the treaty explicitly addresses this issue to ensure that solutions are tailored to the specific needs of these environments.

**Listing of Hazardous Chemicals in Plastic Products:** We advocate for the comprehensive listing of hazardous chemicals present in plastic and its products. This step is crucial for identifying and mitigating the health and environmental risks associated with these substances. For a developing country like Nepal, having the actual list of chemicals, rather than the only the criteria, will be very helpful.

**Promotion of Recycling Industries:** We suggest the formulation of policies to promote recycling industries while also prohibiting the recycling of toxic plastics. Additionally, emphasis should be placed on the development of alternative solutions beyond recycling.

**Promotion of Indigenous and Traditional Technology:** Indigenous and traditional technologies offer sustainable alternatives to plastic. For example, in Nepal we have historically used plates made from leaves (called TAPARI in our language), which are completely biodegradable and do not harm the environment. We propose the promotion of products made using indigenous knowledge as effective measures to reduce plastic usage.

**Capacity Building and Assistance for Developing Countries:** Developing and least developed countries require substantial support in managing plastic pollution. We request provisions for capacity building, technical assistance, technology transfer, and financial aid to ensure these nations can effectively address plastic pollution within their borders. Having a dedicated funding mechanism is essential for country like ours.
By incorporating these points into the revised draft of the plastics treaty, we can collectively advance towards a more sustainable and plastic-free future. Nepal stands ready to collaborate with all stakeholders to achieve this shared goal.

Finally, the Government of Nepal expresses its firm belief that meaningful support and cooperation from all member states, development partners, UN agencies, and international institutions will be continued to Nepal.

Thank you for considering our recommendations.

Sincerely,