Mr. President,
Madam Executive Director,
Excellencies,
Distinguished colleagues,

I am honored to deliver this statement on behalf of the Government of Ukraine.

First of all, let me express my deepest gratitude to entire INC and UNEP teams for the excellent organization of the 4th session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to Develop an International Legally Binding Instrument on Plastic Pollution (INC-4), as well as to the Government and people of Canada for their hospitality.

I am convinced that this session will bring us closer to our common ambitious goals – to end plastic pollution and to preserve our nature for future generations.

Despite all the challenges, caused by the unprovoked and unjustified invasion, Ukraine is taking all the possible measures to implement necessary environmental reforms as well as to strengthen global environmental agenda.

For many years Ukraine has been actively developing and implementing the legislation aimed at elimination of the problem with plastics wastes in our country. A number of important initiatives, such as on the limitation of volume of plastic bags or on prohibition of certain plastic products have been successfully implemented in Ukraine.

Unfortunately, we are all aware that wars and armed conflicts, which occur periodically in different parts of the world and lead to numerous human casualties, destruction, uncontrolled pollution and emissions of pollutants as a result of shelling and bombing, are negatively affecting the environment as well. Thus, Ukraine is taking all the necessary measures to protect our vulnerable environment from the dangerous consequences of invasion. In particular, one of the important elements of the “Peace Formula” of President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyy is dedicated to environmental protection and restoration of affected ecosystems.

The Government of Ukraine is also committed to its international obligations and is keen of adoption international legally binding instrument on plastic pollutions. Thus, we welcome and fully support the excellent joint initiative of the Governments of Rwanda and Norway to establish the High Ambition Coalition to End Plastic Pollution (HAC).
I am honored to announce that recently Ukraine officially became a new member of the High Ambition Coalition! We are looking forward to working with all countries towards achieving our ambitious goal.

Dear colleagues,

We believe that the future plastic treaty has a unique opportunity to become the first multilateral agreement with legally binding and globally harmonized requirements for transparency of information on chemicals and polymers in plastic materials and products as well as traceability of this information in individual plastic materials and products across the entire lifecycle of plastics and for all stakeholders in the value chain.

Ukraine reiterates its support to the current draft document and considers that it is highly important to create a dedicated plastics multilateral funds using the new instrument. Sturdy financing will be required to cover the costs of necessary enabling activities and any additional costs arising from the obligations under the Treaty. The support activities will include institutional building, implementation, enforcement, awareness raising, capacity building, compliance, monitoring, reporting, and stakeholder participation.

I would like to wish all INC-4 participants fruitful work and express my hope that the results of today's meeting will give a new impetus towards the ambitious instrument on plastic pollutions.

Thank you.