Mr. Chair
Distinguished Delegates

On behalf of the Government of Bangladesh, I express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the INC Secretariat, the Government of Canada and its citizens for hosting the meeting and warm hospitality.

Mr. Chair

Bangladesh fully support the statement of the Asia Pacific group. In addition, Bangladesh would like to raise the issue of plastic pollution in the downstream countries. Plastic pollution, in marine and other environments, can be a transboundary nature and needs to be tackled, together with its impacts, through a full-life-cycle approach, taking into account national circumstances and capabilities. Plastic can easily cross the administrative boundary without any intervention. Study shows that rivers are the major source of transporting plastic loads into the sea.

Mr. Chair

Downstream countries receive plastic from upstream causing adverse impacts to the human health and marine environment. These downstream countries are vulnerable and disburse extra national budgets to manage cross borders plastic waste. Therefore, I emphasize the importance of taking into consideration the special circumstances and capabilities of the downstream developing countries for environmentally sound management of cumulative plastic waste that they additionally receive from upstream.

Mr. Chair

I look forward to having fruitful discussions in this meeting. I believe, our collective actions today will shape the well-being of future generations and the health of our planet.

Thank you all.