Malawi has the honor to deliver remarks on behalf of the High Ambition Coalition to End Plastic Pollution.

We recall the agreement of UNEA Resolution 5/14 and underline that achieving the goal of ending plastic pollution requires an ambitious and effective, international legally binding instrument that is comprehensive in scope, addresses the full life cycle of plastics including primary plastic polymers, products made of or containing plastics as well as associated chemicals, and plastic pollution in all its dimensions.

We underline the scientific evidence of negative impacts on the environment and on human health related to plastic pollution, the need for a precautionary approach, the UN General Assembly Resolution 76/300 on the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment, and the need to protect human rights of persons in vulnerable situations across the plastics life cycle, including children, women, Indigenous Peoples, local communities, coastal communities, waste-pickers and other workers in informal or cooperative settings.

We recognise the important role the science, knowledge and traditional practices of Indigenous Peoples and of local communities play in contributing to the sustainable management and protection of the environment from plastic pollution.

We stress that ending plastic pollution will require common legally binding global rules and control measures, based on best available science, to

- restrain and reduce consumption and production of primary plastic polymers to sustainable levels;
- eliminate and restrict unnecessary, avoidable and problematic plastic products as well as plastic polymers and chemicals of environmental or health concern;
to establish global criteria or requirements for products, including on durability, reuse, repair and recycling;
- to ensure a safe circular economy for plastics that protects the environment and human health;
- to achieve the environmentally sound management of plastic waste; eliminate the release of plastics, including microplastics, to air, water and land; and remediate and, where feasible, eliminate plastic pollution, using the best available techniques and environmental practices to avoid exacerbating environmental harm.

We highlight the need for reliable information throughout the plastics value chain and binding measures and provisions on transparency, labelling, monitoring and reporting across the full life cycle of plastics, including on the type and quantities of polymers, the composition of plastic materials and products, including chemicals, as well as labelling across plastics value chains to provide necessary product information to ensure accountability and inform actions, while protecting confidential business information not related to the health and safety of humans and the environment.

Alongside these minimum requirements, we highlight the need to mobilize the necessary resources from all sources, public and private, domestic and international, stand ready to discuss the most appropriate mechanisms for ensuring timely, accessible, recurrent, predictable and adequate financing for implementation, and call for ambitious and effective means of implementation, including financing to support implementation in recipient countries, in particular Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States, recognising in principle that all countries should provide domestic resources for their national activities.

We stress the need to align financial flows and policies to deliver action on the ground, and to end harmful incentives such as subsidies that work against the goal to end plastic pollution.

I thank you Chair!!