

Mr. Ambassador Luis Vayas Valdivieso, INC Chair
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Your excellences
Distinguished colleagues.

Egypt would like to express its appreciation to the Government of the Republic of South Korea for hosting the Fifth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC), and thanks the INC Chair and secretariat, for the efforts exerted towards reaching a balanced Legally Binding Instrument to end Plastic Pollution.

Having said that, Egypt welcomes the third iteration as a starting point for negotiations, without prejudice the fact that the compilation text is a base reference for negotiation, when needed, while coordinating different proposals for reaching a compromise to tackle plastic pollution in one coherent document. Egypt believes that prioritizing the discussion of the scope, principles, and definitions, which are of a paramount importance for establishing a new ILBI, will pave the path for balanced negotiations.

Finally, Egypt seeks more clarification from the secretariat about the way forward and the planned milestones after INC-5 until the Diplomatic Conference.

Thank you very much Chair.