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Rwanda Intervention on Part 2 - Chemicals and Polymers of Concern

Thank you Co-Facilitator.

Rwanda would like to lend its support to the African position shared by Ghana and reiterate our support for the CRP prepared by Norway.

We would also like to stress that ending plastic pollution will require common legally binding global rules and control measures, based on best available science, to eliminate and restrict unnecessary, avoidable, and problematic plastic products as well as plastic polymers and chemicals of environmental or health concern.

This is a position shared by 65 members of the High Ambition Coalition to End Plastic Pollution.

I would also like to highlight that countries like Rwanda do not possess the technical capability to identify, test and evaluate the more than 16,000 chemicals currently used in plastics.

That is why we strongly call for common legally binding global rules and control measures and standards on chemicals and polymers of concern.

We must develop the relevant criteria and establish an expert working group to develop an annex that details chemicals of concern.

Through the instrument, we have the opportunity to quickly move away from dangerous chemicals that are making us sick - especially women and children who are often most at risk.

Thank you.