Respected Chair, Esteemed Delegates,

Kuwait extends sincere appreciation to the Government of Canada for their gracious hospitality during INC-4. We also commend the Chair and the Secretariat for their unwavering dedication to our collective mission of combating plastic pollution.

As we convene for INC-4, Kuwait remains steadfast in its commitment to addressing the urgent issue of plastic pollution through constructive dialogue and decisive action. Our aim is to foster balanced and inclusive discussions that yield practical solutions.

Recognizing the pivotal role of plastic in modern society and its impact on sustainable development, Kuwait fully embraces the mandate outlined in UNEA resolution 5/14 as the guiding principle for our negotiations. We strive to eliminate plastic pollution by championing innovative product design and environmentally sustainable waste management practices, guided by principles of resource efficiency and circular economy, for the benefit of present and future generations.

Incorporating principles like Common but Differentiated Responsibilities (CBDR) into treaties is essential for addressing the varied capabilities and stages of development among countries. This principle ensures that while all nations bear a shared responsibility for issues like plastic pollution, each country’s commitments are tailored to its specific circumstances. By recognizing and accommodating these differences, CBDR promotes fairness, collaboration, and sustainable development across diverse global economic landscapes.

Kuwait advocates for inclusivity and consensus-building, acknowledging the strength derived from diverse perspectives and ensuring that all voices are heard and respected.

Understanding the unique challenges faced by developing nations, Kuwait emphasizes the importance of capacity-building and assistance, prioritizing equitable access to timely financial and technical support for effective implementation, and maintaining flexibility while not compromising economic interests and respecting national sovereignty.

In conclusion, Kuwait reaffirms its unwavering commitment to constructive engagement and calls for collective action to achieve success not only during INC-4 but also in the ongoing efforts beyond this meeting.