

## STATEMENT BY UGANDA AT STOCKTAKE PLENARY

Thank you Chair,

Uganda wishes to appreciate the good work and efforts made by Co Chairs and Parties to progress work at INC 5.2.

We appreciate you Chair for steering us well this far. We appreciate the pragmatic work program which is so far guiding us well.

Despite the good progress, We remain concerned with the slow pace mainly occasioned by attempts to divert the direction of negotiations away from the main goal of the instrument-ending plastic pollution.

We call upon Parties to desist from introducing diversionary topics outside the scope of Resolution 5/14 which we see as a tactic to derail progress.

We call for focusing of remaining time here to areas likely to gain convergence while maintaining the common ambition to end plastic pollution.

Uganda reaffirms its commitment to an instrument that will effectively counter plastic pollution through improved product design, effective waste management, elimination of problematic single use plastics and mutually beneficial collaboration while promoting sustainable development.

We stand ready to work constructively with all delegations in the remaining days to deliver an instrument that will deliver our planet and humanity from plastic pollution.

Thank you Chair.