STATEMENT BY UGANDA

Uganda congratulates you Chair, the Government and People of Canada and the INC Secretariat upon successful organisation of INC4 so far.

The Republic of Uganda aligns herself to the Regional Statement read by Ghana on behalf of Africa and hastens to add that we envisage a process of INC4 that is based on the mandate of the UNEA Resolution to control plastic pollution.

Uganda wishes to stress that it is important for the INC process to remain focused on prevention and management of plastic pollution and all its predisposing factors including poverty and the need for sustainable development in line with all SDGs. We believe that the Treaty should focus on problematic plastics like single use plastics including polymers and chemicals of concern.

As reiterated by several Delegations, the Instrument under Negotiation must be of necessity hinged on just transition, Common but Differentiated Responsibility and most importantly recognising National Circumstances and capabilities. We believe that poverty is one of the drivers of environment degradation and we must not forget to mainstream sustainable development and poverty eradication in the instrument.

Finally, Chair, we thank you for the scenario note and program of work for INC4 and commit to support you in your work to guide the INC4 process. We however stress that to be inclusive, transparent and fair, there is need to restrict the work of subgroups not be more than two simultaneous sessions at any one time. This will ensure that small delegations are able to effectively participate in the negotiations.

I thank you.