Thank you Chair, for the opportunity to speak.

I am Frezer Yeheyis, representing the Women Working Group on Ending Plastic Pollution. I commend the member states and the secretariat for their efforts during INC4. As we conclude this session, we acknowledge our achievements and the pressing challenges ahead.

We extend our gratitude to all participants for their dedication throughout this session. The treaty must address the entire lifecycle of plastics, as outlined in UNEA resolution 5/14, and adopt a human rights-based and one health approach, considering gender intersectionality.

The presence of toxic chemicals in plastics poses significant health risks, particularly for women and children. We advocate for a moratorium on single-use plastic products and harmful chemicals in production, following the precautionary principle. Additionally, we call for bans on intentionally-added and non-intentional microplastics.

With regards to stakeholders engagement, including the nine major groups throughout the INC processes including intersessional work, is essential. We urge secure seats for major groups to amplify the voices of the most vulnerable, including Children, Youth, Women, and Indigenous Peoples.

Commitments made under the treaty should be legally binding, with National Implementation Plans incorporating accountability mechanisms. Transparent monitoring, reporting systems, and financial support for global south countries are vital for effective implementation.

Capacity building, public awareness campaigns, and educational programs are crucial for promoting sustainable consumption and production patterns. Transparent product information empowers consumers to make sustainable choices.

Thank you for your attention and support