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First of all, I would like to thank the government of France for their hospitality in hosting INC-2 and the UNEP secretariat for their excellent preparation for this meeting. The work of the INC to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution is a significant step forward to a cleaner and more sustainable world. We need international cooperation and an innovative approach to end plastic pollution. I especially want to highlight that the document of potential options for elements towards an international legally binding instrument, which was drafted by the Secretariat, could be considered an excellent starting point to start the effective negotiation process. Armenia has strongly supported a full lifecycle approach to effectively address plastic pollution, from the extraction of raw materials, product design, manufacturing, distribution, waste management, reuse, and recycling. It is extremely important to reduce the use of primary plastic polymers and apply flexible and market-based instruments to ensure transparency and traceability across the value chain of plastic products, and environmental and safety performance through product and material redesign. We also believe that the outcome and process should be transparent and inclusive, leaving no one behind. Also, it is important to create financial, technical, and technological mechanisms for developing countries, and countries with economies in transition, in order to strengthen national capabilities for the management of plastic pollution and to promote the effective implementation of the Instrument. Via a strong awareness-raising and educational component we can empower individuals and communities to make informed choices and take collective action to combat plastic waste pollution. In conclusion, I look forward to productive and constructive discussions.

Thank you for your attention.