Business Coalition for a Global Plastics Treaty  
Statement for Agenda Item 3 - intersessional work  
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The Business Coalition for a Global Plastics Treaty gives now voice to more than 170 businesses across the plastics value chain, financial institutions and NGO partners.

My intervention will focus on Agenda item 3 on intersessional work.

With just one year of negotiating time left, the INC must ensure that key provisions in the treaty become fully operational from the very beginning, with the governing body able to further develop annexes over time.

Intersessional work should therefore focus on enhancing a common understanding amongst government delegations, stakeholder groups and nominated experts of what core obligations in the draft treaty text would entail, and what kind of technical specifications are needed to ensure an effective and harmonised implementation by the parties to the treaty.

We believe the INC should agree on intersessional work to be carried out between INC3 and INC4 as well as between INC4 and INC5 with a focus on the following areas:

- Chemicals and polymers of concern (with reference to the current Zero Draft Part II.2 and Annex A)
- Problematic and avoidable plastic products (Part II.3 and Annex B)
- Reuse policies (Part II.5.b + Annex C)
- Product design (Part II.5.a + Annex C)
- Extended Producer Responsibility (Part II.7 + Annex D)
- Waste management (Part II.9.a + Annex F)

We acknowledge that intersessional work could be organised in various ways and degrees of formality, including requests to the INC secretariat to compile information notes, meetings of governments representatives and nominated experts, including consultation processes with relevant stakeholders or additional rounds of written submissions of delegations.

We believe that the final treaty must contain strong and legally-binding provisions that require national governments to implement and enforce harmonised regulations over the full life-cycle of plastics. We stand ready to work with governments and stakeholders in this important next stage of the treaty negotiations.

Thank you very much.