The Business Coalition for a Global Plastics Treaty now gives voice to more than 170 businesses across the plastics value chain as well as financial institutions and NGO partners.

My intervention will focus on Agenda Item 4.

The Business Coalition welcomed the ‘Zero Draft’ for a Global Plastics Treaty prepared by the INC Chair, which in our view forms a good basis to continue negotiations at INC-3.

The current structure of the document allows governments to:

- Clarify and align on effective treaty provisions to ensure harmonised regulations over the whole life-cycle of plastics
- Agree on additional intersessional work to be organised on critical policy areas.
- Advance discussions on the development of technical annexes to the treaty by adopting a start-and-strengthen approach.

With just over one year of negotiating time left, we have no time to waste and the INC must ensure that key provisions in the treaty become fully operational from the very beginning while being able to further expand and update technical annexes over time.

UN Member States have the opportunity to further strengthen the draft legal text

Businesses respond to certainty. 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

The Business Coalition stands ready to work with governments and stakeholders in this important next stage of the treaty negotiations.