Remarks by Delegation from Cambodia
at
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International Legally Binding Instrument on Plastic Pollution, Including in the
Marine Environment (INC-3)
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Chair, Distinguished Delegates and Colleagues.

Since this is the first time that Cambodia takes the floor, please allow me to start by expressing our sincere thanks to the Government of Kenya for their kind hospitality and excellent arrangement of the INC-3 Meeting. We would also like to thank the INC Secretariat for their support and extensive preparations to make the INC-3 Meeting possible.

INC-3 is considered to be a very important platform in the negotiations. After INC-3, we will be meeting together again in the upcoming INC-4 and INC-5 to be held next year in Canada and Republic of Korea (ROK) respectively to conclude this instrument. As one of the Member States that has been involved in this negotiation from the beginning, Cambodia looks forward to fruitful discussions over the course of the week on the substance of the instrument.

To ensure the effective discussion with our limited time, the INC-3 should focus on discussing the zero-draft and work towards scaling down the options, proposing improvements, and addressing gaps in the text. We are going to meet at contact group meetings and we hope to see Member States to provide comments/inputs to the zero draft with the purpose to address the plastic pollution effectively. Anyway, we know that it is easy to come to a conclusion on the proposed options but it would be possible with our collaborative spirit.

It is well understood that developed countries may have both the technical and financial competency to solve the plastic pollution issue whereas the developing countries are still facing challenges in addressing this serious issue of plastic pollution so capacity building, financial support, and technology transfer mechanisms must be ready to provide any necessary support from the developed to developing countries.

Furthermore, Cambodia is committed to work closely with all Member States as we progress our efforts in this negotiation to build an effective implementation of instrument when it is concluded. We also wish to express our alignment with the statements delivered by the Asia Pacific Group (APG) and the Coordinating Body of the Seas of East Asia (COBSEA).

Thank you very much Mr. Chair