Your excellences

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen

Egypt wishes to express its sincere appreciation to UNEP Secretariat for their efforts exerted in preparing the Synthesis report. Also, Egypt would like to extend its gratitude to the Government of Kenya for hosting the third Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC-3) meeting in Nairobi.

Our humble intervention will tackle the Scope, definitions, and principles as follows:

- **On the scope:**
The Scope of the international instrument should be within the mandate of the UNEA Res 5/14, that targets namely plastic pollution rather than targeting the plastic production and industry, taking into consideration the relevant socio-economic implications. Noting that plastic itself is one of the main components of the socio-economic development, without prejudice to environment and human health.

- **On definitions:**
We believe that setting clear definitions is a crucial for the implementation of obligations. Therefore, it is important to tackle the definitions before discussing obligations. However, definitions, should be scientifically based and not taken from cross referenced conventions, but based on widely international acceptance.

- **On the principles:**
We are in favor of a separate article tackling the guiding and internationally agreed principles of the instrument with reference to Equity, Common but Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capabilities, respect of national circumstances of each country as has been emphasized several times in UNEA Resolution 5/14,

Not to mention, Justice, just transition, equity, international cooperation, while pursuing country-driven approaches to implementation of sustainable production and consumption.

I THANK YOU!