Mister Chairman,

Your Excellencies,

Distinguished delegates,

– My name is Raelene Martin and it is my honor to address you on behalf of the International Chamber of Commerce – the global business organisation representing millions of companies, of all sizes and sectors in 170 countries.

– Let me start by extending our sincere thanks to the INC Secretariat for their efforts in preparing this third INC meeting, and to the government of Kenya for hosting us in this beautiful city.

– As ICC, we remain deeply committed to supporting global efforts to secure an ambitious, effective and workable agreement to address plastic pollution.

– We recognise the steps already taken to advance these efforts and welcome the Zero Draft as an important milestone towards developing a legally binding instrument that addresses the full lifecycle, and accelerates the transition to a circular economy for plastics.

– At this critical juncture, we emphasize the need for an agreement that is both ambitious and actionable globally -- one that ensures the broadest possible uptake across the global business community and is implementable by all actors --taking into account businesses of all sizes, sectors and from all geographies; including small and medium enterprises, the lynchpin of the global economy - for successful and effective implementation of the treaty.

– We reiterate the need to establish the right enabling frameworks and means of implementation that set a workable
path for all actors of society to translate ambition to concrete action.

- The global business community has a critical role to play and is already taking active steps to address plastic pollution -- but we need a facilitative global instrument that leverages existing capacities and expertise, to scale up and accelerate its actions for impactful change.

Distinguished Delegates,

Dear Colleagues,

- The task ahead is great, but not impossible.

- We are all here today to demonstrate our collective will to deliver an historic agreement for the future of humanity and our planet.

- As ICC, we reaffirm our commitment as a credible partner to support this collaborative effort.

- Together, we can go further and faster.

Thank you.