Mr. Chair,

At the outset, I would like to thank you, for navigating this important process.

I would also like to express our utmost gratitude to the government of Kenya for its warm hospitality, and to the Secretariat for the excellent arrangement.

We would also like to acknowledge with appreciation the Preparatory meeting held on 11 November, which in our view could positively inform our deliberation during INC3.

Mr. Chair,

Indonesia believes that the zero-draft can serve as a solid basis and as a strong modality for our further discussion.

However, there are some critical issues that we must address, including the definition of technical issues such as plastics pollution, full life cycle of plastics, polymers and chemicals of concern, avoidable plastics, and alternatives to plastics, to set a clear guidance to move forward.
In discussing the zero draft, we also urge members to use consensus and languages from previously agreed UNEA Resolutions and MEAs.

Mr. Chair,

To ensure an equal and full participation of the members, we need to consider the different capabilities and special needs of developing countries, and reiterate the principles of SDG 8, Rio Declaration 1992, regarding the Common but Differentiated Responsibility and Respective Capabilities (CBDR), as well as Principle 15 Rio Declaration, on “precautionary approach” as one of the important issues to be addressed in the principle section.

We also need to consider countries with special geographical conditions such as archipelagic states including Indonesia, as well as countries considered vulnerable to plastic pollution.

We should apply a comprehensive approach to enter into a debate about the definition of “the full life cycle of plastics” at this time since the definition of the full life cycle of plastics could only be defined clearly after we agree upon the core obligations of this treaty.

In addition, the deliberation on the full life cycle of plastic would shape up more constructively if it is discussed under the core obligations by accommodating different viewpoints from members and inputs from observers, as well as supported by reliable scientific evidence available.

Mr. Chair,

In closing, I would like to reiterate Indonesia’s commitment to work collectively and decisively to achieve the objective of INC meetings on a gradual basis, and looking forward to a fruitful meeting.

I thank you.