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 largest business organization representing millions of companies, of all sizes and sectors in over 100 countries.

– As ICC, we remain deeply committed to supporting the INC Secretariat’s and Members States’ efforts and forthcoming work to secure an ambitious, effective and workable agreement by 2024.

– We recognise the important steps already taken to advance these efforts and welcome the release of the potential options paper which provides a helpful basis for deliberations by Member States at the second session taking place this week.

– At this critical juncture we emphasise the need for an agreement 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; and in particular the capabilities of micro, small and medium enterprises for successful and effective implementation of the treaty.

– We recognise the importance of establishing consistent global rules and policies that take into account national circumstances and approaches for their effective implementation, and enable a fully circular economy for plastics...

– The global business community has a critical role to play in implementing the objectives of the instrument and calls for strengthened processes for effective stakeholder engagement, particularly as we look ahead to INC3.
Distinguished Delegates,

Dear Colleagues,

Now more than ever, we recognise that overcoming the challenges and achieving our goals requires a collaborative effort by all stakeholders.

We urge countries to make meaningful, substantive progress here in Paris this week, and agree on clearly defined objectives for the Treaty and a clear mandate for a draft text of the Treaty to be ready for INC3.

ICC remains deeply committed to supporting countries to deliver an agreement that includes a clear goal to end plastic pollution by 2040 and sets a workable pathway to get there.

Only this will give the business community the confidence it needs to go faster and further to #BeatPlasticPollution.

Thank you.