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INTEV mission is to strive to phase-out toxic chemicals from the environment through advocacy and through ground experiences within communities, and based on grassroots actions
Then,
INTEV welcomes UNEA Resolution 5/14, and UNEP to have organized INC1, INC2 and now INC3.
INTEV also strongly welcomes INC secretariat for the Zero Draft that help to have a preliminary understanding on the content of the future international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment,

My organization would like to stress that single-use plastics has become an existence means for the small businesses and precisely the informal sector of the economies of many developing countries in sub-Sahara African countries. Then without the use of single-use plastics millions of poor people and communities in those developing countries may lose their only means to get incomes and take care of their families and send their children to schools.
It’s very important to stress that an informal sector of the economies of Africa countries represent today more than 30% of its workforce. According to some data from UNDP after the COVID-19 “Nearly 83% of employment in Africa and 85% in Sub-Saharan Africa is informal, absorbing many of the continent’s young employment seekers”. Of course some do not need the use of plastic. However those using single-use-plastics are important.
Then my organization call upon to all and specially delegates from developing countries concerned to take into account when decided on the future legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, the livelihood and jobs of population and communities where their daily subsidence, jobs and income depend on the use, selling, wrapping with or packaging with the use of single-use plastics.

Thank you very much

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