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Thank you, Chair.

I’m here from India participating on behalf of the position of the Institute for Sustainable Development and Research, (ISDR), and shah and Anchor Kutchhi Engineering College, India. We support the green initiatives, plastic free life, to prevent and elimination of emissions from plastic, to reduce the use of plastics for sustainable living.

We thank UNEP for to implement the decisions of UNEA-5/14 to prepare for the work of the intergovernmental negotiating committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment through OEWG, INC-3.

We feel honored to be part of this OEWG as we already participated in deliberations in UNEA-5 during 16 February to 04 March 2022 wherein the resolution UNEA 5/14 entitled ‘End plastic pollution: Towards an international legally binding instrument was adopted by all stakeholders. This gives us an opportunity of collaborations to visualize the aspirations of transforming the plastic free world and further deliberations during INC 1 and INC 2.

In the proceedings of INC 3, we should consider, How can we prevent plastic pollution in developing countries and industrialized economy by preventing and eliminating the emissions and releases of plastic polymers, plastics, including microplastics, and plastic products across their life cycle. We also consider regulatory mechanism for incentives for delinking the use of plastic along with the eco friendly substitute to plastics.

We also suggest the INC 3 to consider the mechanism for safe and environmentally sound disposal of plastic waste. The INC 3 should also consider the safe and
environmentally sound collection, transportation, disposal and recycling of plastic waste from industry and municipal waste to reduce the impacts on soil and water.

We support the research and development programs to replace the plastics and microplastics for safe and sustainable environment.

We suggest that the industrialized economy should support the plastics and microplastics reuse and recycling technically and financially by implementing the sustainable development goals.

This INC 3 should consider the programs that lead to resolve the issues regarding the landfills and poor socio-economic conditions of the waste pickers. The INC 3 should focus on reuse, recycling and reduction in plastics and microplastics uses and promote environment friendly and economic alternatives along with the policy formulation and incentives.

We suggest that INC 3 should take every effort to protect the aquatic environment as stated in SDG 14, make publicly available information on common plastic pollution types and practices and behaviors that lead to plastic pollution, to raise awareness and prevent further plastic pollution, including littering in coastal and freshwater areas including, lakes, rivers and other water bodies.

We request INC 3 to take measures to reduce the plastics and microplastics from marine environments by adopting and implementing necessary financial and legal instruments through participation of all stakeholders at local, regional and global level.

We suggest that the INC 3 should focus on the capacity building and technology transfer through the Non Governmental Organization, Civil Society Organizations and Local community groups for effective implementations of recommendations of OEWG on plastics and microplastics removal and reduction for safe and sustainable future. For Capacity building we request the effective cooperation from scientific institutions, professional organizations, universities and inter governmental organizations to provide technical and managerial guidance and supervision for elimination the plastics and microplastics as well as to provide the substitute for the same. The financial and technical resources should be made available to the developing countries addressing plastic pollution and finding local solutions to the use of plastics and microplastics.

Thank You.
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