JOINT INTERVENTION FOR THE PREPARATORY ONE-DAY MEETING

November 11, 2023

Local & Subnational Government

(2 minutes)

Delivered by Magash Naidoo or Jean Lemire.

Your Excellencies, I am delivering this statement on behalf of the Local Authorities Major Group, in partnership with [ICLEI/ UCLG / Québec Government] and various other local and subnational stakeholders.

Elements to include:

● We want to thank and congratulate the chair, the executive secretary, the secretariat, the members and the observers for the work accomplished since INC2.

● We’ve submitted written submissions regarding local and subnational governments, particularly for their inclusion in the scope and principles of the future instrument. We took note that a few members also underlined the role of local and subnational governments in their submission.

● However, we are expressing some concerns as this is not reflected in the synthesis report. At this stage of the process, we reiterate the importance for the future instrument on plastic pollution to be inclusive and participative, and fully include all concerned stakeholders.

● Cities and subnational authorities are the closest levels of government to our society, and a primary agent of change. We have
firsthand expertise on the plastics lifecycle, and many of the future instrument’s obligations may fall under our jurisdictions.

● We ask for the inclusion of “local and subnational governments” in the scope of the future instrument, and the “whole of government” principle.

● We look forward to discussing these points further today, and remain available to engage with members and look forward to continuing the good work together.

Thank you