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The Nigeria delegation would like to join others in expressing her appreciation to the government and people of Kenya for hosting this event and for the warm reception extended to us since our arrival in Nairobi.

Mr. Chair, my delegation also wishes to congratulate you on the successful and timely delivery of the zero draft text and welcome the draft as the basis for our negotiations as it encompasses the full range of positions expressed by member states during INC1& 2. Nigeria, therefore, is ready to fully engage constructively with other delegations on its refinement and encourage other member states to do likewise in the spirit of Nairobi-unity, cooperation and consensus.

Mr. Chair, my delegation aligns itself fully with the Africa group statement and re-emphasized that for the plastics treaty to be successful in preventing plastic pollution across the plastics life cycle, and for it to protect human health and well-being, it must prioritize the following:

i. The reduction of production and consumption of primary plastic to sustainable levels.
ii. Elimination of problematic plastic products and materials, to increase the safe circularity of plastics.
iii. Establishment of transparency standards that include a complete identification, elimination, and traceability of chemicals, including polymers, that are hazardous or of global concern, across the full lifecycle of plastics.
iv. Environmentally sound and safe management of plastic waste.
v. Capacity building, technical and financial assistance for effective treaty implementation by developing countries and countries with economies in transition.
vi. Establishment of a dedicated and robust financial mechanism to support the effective implementation of the treaty, especially by developing countries and countries with economies in transition.
vii. The issue of legacy plastics, and
viii. A just transition for all workers affected by transformative changes in the global plastics economy, especially the waste pickers and waste workers who divert more than 60% of waste from landfills in developing countries.

We sincerely hope to make progress towards having the first draft of the treaty.

Thank you chair.