

**Country Statement of Pakistan in plenary –**  
**Agenda item No 4**

**Mr. Chair**

First of all, Pakistan would like to thank the Government of France for hosting second session of Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee in this beautiful city of Paris. We would also like to appreciate Government of France for organizing a successful High-Level Event to end plastic pollution and the INC Secretariat for organizing the second meeting of INC.

## **Mr. Chair**

Pakistan would like to associate itself with the statement made by the Asia Pacific Group.

Global plastic issue is being highlighted due to the lifespan of plastic products averaging 10 years, with decomposition of such products taking up to 500 years. Global plastic production has been observed to double since the beginning of this century. Microplastics are responsible for polluting our air, water and soil resources.

Plastic production is associated with the use of chemical additives. More than 10,000 chemicals used in plastics are of potential concern to human health and the environment.

Pakistan would like to urge banning or, where that is not feasible, reducing the use of hazardous chemicals and polymers of concern in plastics in order to protect human health and the environment. The reduction and elimination of hazardous chemicals and polymers of concern can, in conjunction with other measures, widen the scope of the plastic circular economy.

Pakistan would like to encourage reduction and reuse of plastic products and Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) schemes for collection and disposal of plastics in an environmentally sound manner by the producers, brand owners and importers.

**Mr. Chair**

Pakistan would like to support the proposal for establishment of two contact groups; one focusing on **objectives** including scope of the Instrument, **Core obligations** and second on the

**Means of implementation** to deliberate upon the financial and technical assistance, capacity building and technology transfer, **implementation measures** through National Action Plans, National Reporting and Compliance and **additional matters** like awareness raising and education, exchange of information, research, cooperation and coordination and stakeholders engagement.

We would like to request the Committee to finalize the potential options into a zero draft negotiating text for an international legally

binding instrument, based on a comprehensive approach that addresses the full life cycle of plastics.

During the INC-1 session, Pakistan fully supported the UNEA resolution 5/14 and is committed to supporting global efforts to reduce plastic waste exponentially.

**Thank you, Mr. Chair**