Agenda item 4. Plastic Europe Statement

Discarded plastic waste is unacceptable in any environment. We recognize the severity of the climate crisis and challenge of plastic waste and that faster systemic change is essential. That is why we support the objective of ending plastic pollution by 2040 through the creation of a circular economy where all plastic applications are reused, recycled, and responsibly managed during and after use.

To accelerate circularity, we need to create market pull for circular plastics, the rapid global expansion of collection, sorting and recycling, and to create a financing system to support the massive investments required.

In our view sustainable consumption of plastics applications globally is one of the most efficient ways to end plastics pollution. This concretely means that the agreement must tackle problematic and unnecessary plastic applications locally through a science based methodology.

The Treaty should contain mandatory and voluntary measures, obligations and criteria, and hold all stakeholders involved accountable. It must also strike the right balance between global obligations and national measures. A one-size fits all global approach to policy and regulation cannot work.

We shall be actively listening and look forward to further engage with you all