In a world where we continue to use significant amounts of plastic, mismanagement is not the root cause of plastic pollution; it's the absence of waste management systems. Unless we ensure focus on providing universal coverage of good waste management, this treaty will ultimately fail to meet its primary goal.

All plastic becomes problematic without waste collection infrastructure. We must **prioritize sustainable holistic appropriate waste services SHAWS** to address waste effectively.

Delivering quality waste management services for all is practical. If all municipalities act within five years, we can complete the task within a decade. Let's overcome barriers to make this vision real.

According to the most recent UNEP report Turning Off the Tap, 40 million tonnes of plastic waste would continue to be mismanaged every year by 2040. That's 1.48 billion tonnes between now and 2040. Imagine filling the Paris section of the Seine River with plastic waste 822 times. This mismanagement persists without universal SHAWS.

Implementing high-quality waste management globally is vital. It mitigates climate change, reduces pressure on habitats, improves air quality, and safeguards health. Waste collection services are crucial for a sustainable future.

Ignoring waste management leads to alarming levels of plastic waste mismanagement. Let's prioritize sustainable, holistic, appropriate waste collection and avoid dire consequences.

I urge you to take action. Overcome barriers and universalize waste services responsibly. Together, we can free our rivers and seas from plastic pollution. The time for action is now, and our planet's future depends on it.

Thank you.