Intervention by Amb. H.E. Cho Hong Sik, Head of Delegation of the Republic of Korea, On Agenda item “Future Meetings” at INC-3 Plenary

Thank you, Chair,

First of all, the Republic of Korea would like to extend deep appreciation for your excellent leadership in advancing this negotiation process as the Chair of the INC. We would also like to express our sincere gratitude to the government of Kenya for their warm hospitality and to the Secretariat for their preparation for the meeting.

Tackling plastic pollution is a high priority for President Yoon Suk Yeul. President Yoon has expressed his strong commitment to address plastic pollution at G7 Hiroshima Summit and provide strong support for this process by hosting INC-5.

As such, the Republic of Korea is delighted to announce that the INC-5 will take place in the beautiful city of Busan, the second largest city in Korea, from 25 November to First of December, 2024.

Korea takes pride in Busan’s extensive experience in hosting various international events and the city’s capacity to provide large-scale accommodation facilities, convenient transportation and exceptional conference infrastructure. Busan has also transformed itself into a green smart city by establishing a plastic resources circulation cluster to foster technological innovation and enhance network infrastructure among other
things.

Furthermore, Busan is a candidate city to host the World Expo 2030 with a strong commitment to making it a single-use-plastic-free Expo - another aspect that highlights Busan’s uniqueness as a host city for the INC-5.

Busan, as the venue of INC-5 and, hopefully, the venue for the World Expo 2030, will make history by successfully concluding this important process and raising awareness of the plastic pollution.

The Republic of Korea is fully committed to ensuring the success of the INC-5 and pleased to play a conducive role in shaping an international environmental treaty to end plastic pollution and promote the circular economy.

We look forward to welcoming all delegations in Busan next year.

Thank you.