Türkiye

Thank you, Distinguished Chair,

I would like to express the Turkish Delegation's profound gratitude to the UN Environment and INC Secretariat for their exceptional efforts in organizing the Third Session of the International Negotiation Committee on Plastic Pollution, and to the Kenyan Republic for their gracious hospitality.

We would also like to express our gratitude to the Distinguished Chair for preparing and delivering the Zero Draft and Synthesis Report in accordance with the obligation given by INC 2.

Today, as we gather here not only for negotiating the UNEA 5.2 decision on ending plastic pollution but also for creating one of the important turning points for UNEA 6 which is closely related with the outcomes of this meeting.

We iterate that addressing global problems necessitates collective efforts and solutions. And the INC process provides a great platform for us to negotiate by keeping in mind our different aspects on the issue.

Let me briefly share my delegation’s view on the zero draft document.

Türkiye notes that the content of the new ILBI should be applicable for all countries by considering their different capacities regarding the life cycle of plastic.

It is essential to appropriately reflect the "polluter pays" principle, and "common but differentiated responsibilities and relative capacities" in the Zero Draft which are the basic elements of international environmental policies.

Türkiye welcomes the chapters of zero draft related to waste hierarchy, EPR systems, and also it can include zero waste initiatives that promotes sound waste management, behavioural change and awareness raising in plastics pollution.

Furthermore, we believe that there is a need for clarification on the items such as preparing a guiding document on eco-modulation, supporting technical group studies, and carrying out the necessary studies on financing. Also, the provisions regarding preparation of national action plans should allow their development and enhancement.

Eco design should be one of the main elements of the instrument. Design and performance criteria should be clearly defined in advance.

The instrument should support the R&D for the transformational change. Sector incentives can be defined for environmental companies, especially companies operating in the field of recycling, regarding R&D studies of plastic recovery/recycling and removal processes.

The instrument should be built upon scientific data and knowledge. And a robust and comprehensive finance mechanism should be in place in order to facilitate the implementation of the instrument.

We should agree upon adequate means of implementation. And, before the national plans are prepared within the scope of the new instrument, it will be necessary to analyse the status quo in the countries.

In conclusion, I wish to reaffirm Türkiye's unwavering commitment to standing with the global community in the fight against plastic pollution. I would like to echo our message from INC 2 that we can implement innovative solutions, promote sustainable practices and a circular economy, foster international cooperation, and ensure a healthier, pollution free world for future generations.

I Thank you.