

Statement of the American Chemistry Council

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Thank you, Chairman for the opportunity to make a statement. Excellencies, Distinguished representatives, ladies and gentlemen, my name is Joshua Baca and I am speaking on behalf of the American Chemistry Council (ACC)

ACC encourages governments to create an effective, implementable and equitable agreement to eliminate additional plastic pollution by 2040, as supported by many governments, including the G7¹ and others.

A well-crafted agreement can unlock investments, collaboration, and innovation to accelerate circularity and end plastic pollution. The agreement should do this in a manner that uplifts developing economies and the informal sector, while helping to achieve the UN's Sustainable Development Goals and The Paris Climate Agreement.

- We envision a world without plastic pollution and firmly believe that an agreement focused on circularity can help solve this global challenge. Sustainable consumption, well-designed products and access to universal waste management are critical.
- To accelerate a circular economy for plastic, national action plans must be the core tenant to help countries meet their unique challenges. This needs to be supported by global provisions and actions, capacity building, progress reports, and public-private partnerships.

As global partners for plastics circularity, we are doing our part to help solve the global challenge of plastic pollution. As an industry, we've announced \$16 billion in investments for projects across the globe to scale new technologies, modernize existing technologies, and partner on capacity building projects.

ACC appreciates the opportunity to provide this statement to UNEP and encourages you to visit PlasticsCircularity.Org to learn more about our industry's ambitions for a well-crafted agreement.

Thank you.

¹ G7 Climate, Energy and Environment Ministers' Communiqué, April 16 2023.