

Mr Chair,

Let me begin by thanking Senegal for the warm welcome and for convening this meeting of the OEWG aimed at preparing the works of the INC for an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution. It is an honour for Brazil to be part of this historical moment.

We should also like to align ourselves with the statement made by the Chair of the GRULAC-Nairobi.

It has been a pleasure for Brazil to participate in this process since its very outset at UNEA 5.2. We thus are firmly committed to the success of the negotiations ahead of us.

Brazil favours the creation of clusters to discuss the several provisions mandated in paragraphs 3 and 4 of UNEA resolution 5/14. As the Chair of GRULAC mentioned, we strongly support a specific track for means of implementation as a priority topic for the INC.

As we debate the level of ambition for goals and obligations under the new instrument, based on solid scientific evidence as well as social-economic assessments, it is mandatory to also focus on how to guarantee timely and adequate financial support for developing countries, including new and additional financial resources, capacity building activities and technology transfer. After all, targets cannot be met in the absence of the appropriate provision of means of implementation.

As we have all agreed, plastic pollution is an issue of grave concern for all stakeholders, including the more vulnerable ones. It has been correctly stressed that we have before ourselves this extraordinary opportunity to push forward systemic changes, which, in turn, will lead to substantial technological transformations. Let's then work together to also promote along the way the economic and social shifts that our countries so urgently demand.

The future instrument shall lead our societies to new sustainable consumption and production patterns, as stated in the Sustainable Development Goal #12, while avoiding one-size-fits-all solutions, bearing in mind our different needs and capacities.

Regarding the timeline of work, we support a schedule that allows for enough INC meetings but also for a robust intersectional period, especially if we take into consideration the need to strengthen regional consultations and the involvement of different stakeholders in the process.

Thank you, Mr Chair.