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ESDO Opening Statement at INC-2,

Thank you, Mr. President,

Speaking on behalf of ESDO, an IPEN participating organization, I would like to present our views... Plastic pollution is more than just the damage it does to the ocean and the trash it leaves behind. This issue involves both chemical compounds and environmental health.

Proposed objectives should taking inconsideration in this INC are:

- 1) To prohibit production, marketing and promotion of toxic plastics from the life cycle of plastics
- 2) To phase out all problematic plastic items
- 3) To ban production and use of single-use plastic products
- 4) To promote environment-friendly alternatives of plastic products
- 5) To regulate toxic plastic recycling throughout the lifecycle of plastics

Key messages:

- *The majority of member states and their groups who provided their views on components of the Plastics Treaty (close to 74%) favored protection for human health, and more than half of the submissions (64%) advocated for some form of control on the chemicals in plastics.*
- *To protect public health and the environment from the effects of plastics across their life cycle, the Plastics Treaty must consider chemicals in plastics. Consequently, the opinion that the Plastics Treaty should contain the following elements:*
 - ✓ *Health protection*
 - ✓ *Reduced production*
 - ✓ *Ban single-use & problematic plastic products and packaging*
 - ✓ *Bans or restrictions on plastic waste trade & transboundary movement*
 - ✓ *Funding for implementation and to promote alternatives*
 - ✓ *Basic key principles*
 - ✓ *Chemical controls*

We propose core obligations, control measures approaches are;

- “Banning, phasing out and/or reducing the production, consumption and use of chemicals and polymers of concern”
- “Reducing microplastics”
- “Strengthening waste management” & Solution through zero-waste mechanism
- “Promoting the use of safe, sustainable alternatives and substitutes”

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- “Protecting human health from the adverse effects of plastic pollution, throughout the life-cycle
- “Addressing existing plastic pollution”

I thank you Mr. President

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