ESDO Statement

Thank you Chair,

On behalf of the Environment and Social Development Organization-ESDO a participating organization of IPEN, I am submitting this statement to the Ad hoc open-ended working group (OEWG) to prepare for the INC on plastic pollution, including the marine environment.

Honorable Char, as we know the topmost challenge is to stop or minimize the plastic pollution both land-based and marine, which needs comprehensive and collative initiatives. To beat the plastic pollution, it's an underline need to have a legally binding instrument. And for the processes we for an inclusive treaty negotiating process.

So, we urge this meeting to establish a transparent and inclusive INC that led to achieving this global challenge inclusively and collectively and We appeal for the country's support in this process. This includes the importance of the participation of all stakeholders including CSOs/NGOs/Academica in inperson and ensuring financial support to delegates and observers from low-and middle-income countries in the INC process.

We believe the member's state should consider that the request to the secretariat on the draft elements and structure of the treaty includes considerations of the human health impacts of plastics and on chemical ingredients of plastics.

Honorable Chair, we strongly believe the together of our effort will lead the INC process to have a legally binding treaty in a timely manner.

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