First session of the Inter-Governmental Negotiating Committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution (INC 1)

Sequencing and recommended further work to be undertaken

Punta del Este (Uruguay) – 1st December 2022

Mr. Chair,

We have a demanding task, we need to elaborate an international treaty with international binding rules in a very ambitious time frame. During INC 1, we have the chance to present and hear views on a variety of topics related to the treaty.

At INC 2, we will have to move into treaty making mode, meaning going deeper into the substance and discuss possible elements of the instrument, in particular obligations and control measures throughout the life cycle of all plastics. The discussions should be based on the elements paper the secretariat is going to prepare, based on inputs from Member States and Stakeholders.

To facilitate discussion, two contact groups should be established, ideally already at INC 1, to discuss possible elements of the instrument. The groups could be structured as following:

- Group 1: Objectives, Control measures & Implementation (including NAP)
- Group 2: Means of Implementation & Institutional arrangements and other elements (including stakeholders),

Support the call by many others to support participation for countries in need with two delegates,