Statement by Norway on Agenda 4 sub-item 3(e)

Thank you Mr. Chair,

Norway welcomes and supports engagement with all stakeholders. A key to success in modern treaty-making is early and effective involvement of all stakeholders.

We are seeking the best modalities for stakeholder involvement that support an active and two-way dialogue between stakeholders and delegations without taking up valuable time for negotiations.

In our view, the most important point of stakeholder input would be the intersessional period, where they can provide more targeted written inputs that could be better absorbed by Member States before the meeting as well as contributing to the secretariat’s preparations for the next meeting.

We believe the main objective of stakeholder involvement should be to enable stakeholders to share their views and to inform negotiations for the legally binding instrument on specific agenda items, including in writing and during the intersessional period.

Any in-person meetings for stakeholder engagement would require dedicated financial resources, as this would not be formally part of the INC, and should therefore not take away resources from the core operations of this process, such as financing additional funded delegates. This is a clear priority for Norway.

Regarding the development of a Multistakeholder Action Agenda, as referenced in the UNEA 5/14 resolution we are interested in hearing other parties views and we are ready to engage on this basis. As of now, we have some general reflections.

Firstly, we believe an action agenda should be guided by some general principles such as on transparency, accountability, measurability and zero tolerance for greenwashing.

Secondly, the action agenda must deliver concrete actions to support the implementation of objectives and measures of the instrument.

Thirdly, this Action Agenda should learn from the experiences of other action agendas and be complimentary to existing initiatives, coalitions, platforms and partnerships related to plastic pollution, or replace existing ones to avoid duplicative efforts.

Thank you Mr. Chair