

Mr Chair,

Brazil wants to congratulate the government of Senegal and the UNEP Secretariat for successfully conducting the works of the OEWG aimed at preparing the works of the INC for an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution. Brazil also wants to acknowledge the constructive spirit in which all delegations engaged during the meetings with a view to reaching consensual decisions.

Brazil wants to reiterate its position in favour of the creation of clusters to discuss the several provisions mandated in paragraphs 3 and 4 of UNEA resolution 5/14. We believe that these work areas should encompass relevant aspects of the full lifecycle of plastics, including both the upstream and downstream facets of it. Brazil deeply regrets not having the chance to discuss those during the OEWG.

As we discuss the level of ambition for goals and obligations under the new instrument, essential for the efficacy of the new instrument, it is mandatory to also debate, from the very beginning, timely and adequate support for developing countries, including new, predictable and additional financial resources, capacity building activities and technology transfer. We thus strongly support a separate track for the financial mechanism and another one for technical assistance and the transfer of technology. Goals just cannot be met without the adequate provision of means of implementation.

Furthermore, Brazil understands that the production of evidence-based data, as well as socioeconomic assessments, will strongly contribute to measuring the impacts of plastic pollution on human health and the environment. Those data should include information on main sources of production, transboundary flows of plastic wastes and innovative solutions for the environmentally sound management of its products and residues.

As we have all agreed, plastic pollution is an issue of grave concern for all stakeholders. 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.

Thank you, Mr Chair