

Thank you, Mr Chair,

First, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Uruguay for their tremendous hospitality and for the hosting of INC-1 for an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, include in marine environment. Kingdom of Bahrain fully supports the INC process for establishment of the instrument, and we are highly committed to the success of the negotiations ahead of us.

We emphasize the importance of supporting the active participation of all member states of the United Nations in the INC process as this is a party driven process in order to share their vision, priorities and barriers for the instruments. We look forward to have adequate time for discussion on substantive issues.

We cannot deny the importance of plastic products globally for various applications, Plastics play an essential role in our society, and we see the importance of plastics for sustainable development and the need to focus on addressing pollution through a circular economy approach. Therefore, we should take circularity as an overarching approach to ensure sustainability.

Furthermore, as we are one of the small islands developing states which need very special attention, we believe that discussions on the mechanism and the arrangements for financial and technical assistance especially for the developing countries and small island developing states are key to ensure the effectiveness of the instrument.

In closing the statement, Kingdom of Bahrain look forward to the negotiation process and we are honor to be part of this historical moment.

Thank you.