

**Madam Chair, distinguished delegates,**

**Rwanda is honored to be given this time in order to present its request to the plenary of this 3<sup>rd</sup> AHEG meeting. Rwanda is committed to ensuring a successful outcome of the UNEA 5. To this regards, we are extending our interest in hosting either the 4<sup>th</sup> or the 5<sup>th</sup> Ad Hoc Open Ended Expert Group on Marine litter and Microplastics at the Kigali Convention Center. This is the venue that hosted the historical 28<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer.**

**Rwanda wish to host this expert group meeting comes in a concept where, we are all aware that plastic pollution is a global problem requiring solutions at a global level.**

**Madam chair, distinguished delegates, we will be highly honored by the appreciation of our request by this plenary.**

**We thank you.**