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يطيب لي بالنيابة عن وفد بلادي المملكة العربية السعودية، أن أستهل كلمتي بتهنئتكم -السيدة الرئيسة- على انتخابكم رئيساً للجنة التفاوض الحكومية كما أتقدم بالشكر الجزيل إلى حكومة جمهورية الأورغواي على حسن الاستضافة والتنظيم، والشكر موصول إلى أمانة اللجنة التي عملت عملاً دووباً طوال الأشهر الماضية، وأؤكد لكم عزم وفد بلادي على التعاون مع كافة ممثلي الدول لإنجاح هذا الاجتماع وتحقيق أهدافه والالتزام بما نص عليه قرار جمعية الأمم المتحدة للبيئة ونحن حريصون كذلك على العمل بالخطوة الزمنية المتفق عليها للانتهاء من العمل على الصك الدولي الملزم قانوناً.

تعد هيكله الصك ومبادئه الركيزة الأساسية التي يبنى عليها، إذ ستؤطر وتحكم العمل للسنوات القادمة، وكلنا ثقة أن يتبع الصك النهج من القاعدة للقمة "bottom up approach" والنهج الشمولي المتوازن الذي يأخذ بالاعتبار الظروف والقدرات الوطنية لكل دولة، ويضمن المرونة اللازمة للدول النامية.

كما أن من المبادئ الأساسية التي نطلب الزملاء وفود الدول الأخرى أخذها بالاعتبار، هو بذل قصارى الجهود الممكنة للتوصل إلى اتفاق حول جميع المسائل الجوهرية بتوافق الآراء لتمكين الدول من المصادقة على هذا الصك الناتج من الجهود المبذولة خلال فترة عمل اللجنة.

كما لا يسعنا إنكار أهمية البلاستيك في حياة البشرية، والذي يسهم بدوره في النمو والازدهار التجاري والاقتصادي العالمي الذي يدعم الوصول إلى أهداف التنمية المستدامة، فالمنتجات البلاستيكية تدخل في شتى مناحي حياتنا اليومية، كما يدخل البلاستيك مكوناً في مختلف مجالات التصنيع وعلى سبيل المثال مستلزمات الطاقات المتجددة. كما يلعب أيضاً دوراً محورياً هاماً في التنمية الاقتصادية والاجتماعية في العديد من دول العالم، لذلك يجب أن يستهدف الصك "عدم ترك أحد خلف الركب" من خلال التركيز على

أولويات الدول النامية في حفظ حقوق شعوبها وضمان تيسير حصولها على التمويل والتقنية والحلول المبتكرة المساندة لمساعدتها على بناء اقتصاداتها وقدراتها؛ لتمكينها من الصمود في وجه التحديات البيئية. ومن هذا المنطلق علينا الابتعاد عن أي قرارات قد تتسبب في خلق أزمة طلب على الصناعات البلاستيكية وخير شاهد على ذلك ظروف الجائحة الصحية التي مر بها العالم أجمع.

كما نأمل أن يدعم الصك الحلول الرامية إلى التخفيف من الأضرار المحتملة والمترتبة من سوء إدارة النفايات البلاستيكية من خلال تبني حلول النهج الدائرية التي تسهم في إتمام دورة التعامل مع النفايات البلاستيكية.

نود أن نؤكد بأن المملكة العربية السعودية تدرك أن تحدي التلوث البيئي الناجم عن سوء ادارة النفايات البلاستيكية هو تحدٍ عالمي عابر للحدود يتطلب تضافر الجهود والعمل المشترك لحماية البيئة.

ختاماً، أرجو خالص التوفيق للجنة التفاوض الحكومية الدولية في عملها لوضع صك دولي ملزم قانوناً بشأن إنهاء التلوث البلاستيكي، بما في ذلك البيئة البحرية.

شكرًا السيدة الرئيسة.

### **KSA Intervention on RoP agenda item (3) a**

**Thank you, Mr. Chair. First, we would like to thank the secretariat for its hard work during the past few days. I will try to keep my intervention short.**

**We would like to understand how the meeting report will be dealt with and adapted in its current form and whether member states will be able to comment on the final version.**

**We are confident that the Secretariat will include all the opinions put forward during the informal consultation session.**

**I would like to point out that the outcomes report from Dakar to be forwarded to the INC-1 meeting is a draft rule of procedures without specifying whether there was an agreement on any specific points; we are all aware that any amendment on rule 37 may require work on the rest of the section. So that we do not end up with an inconsistent text that was not agreed upon. The prevailing principle is that nothing is agreed on until everything is agreed on.**

**Thank you, Mr. Chair,**

### for **Structure** options

- Thank you Chair, Saudi Arabia would like to express its gratitude for the efforts that was made by the committee up to today and the future work and we are looking forward to working in a collaborative manner
- With regard to the Options for structuring of the treaty, we acknowledge that the timeline set for INC to finalize the details of this legal instrument is very ambitious and challenging
- Saudi is in the view that the presented options are distinct with some overlap
- The preference when working under a structure is flexibility especially to developing country, although we would like to hear from colleagues on their view on the instrument
- We reiterate, our efforts to work with colleagues in a collaborative manner to achieve the required out come

### **For the Scope**

It is necessary to define the scope of the instrument. Saudi Arabia is in the position to understand the importance of promoting sustainable design of products and materials in order that they can be reduced, reused, recycled, or remove plastic waste from the environment thereby retaining value in the economy for as long as possible along with the resources they are made of, with adaptation of one of the circularity approaches. Such as:

- An agreeable definition of (full life cycle) is important as it is linked with the scope of the instrument.
- Highlight the importance of supporting research and development in finding technical solutions that adopts circular approaches and investigate sustainable technical solutions within the value chain for production.
- Assess, address and understand the socio-economic impacts of the implementation of response measures, and the principle of limiting the harm to the economy and environment of developing countries should be a key part of any agreement.

### **For objectives**

Saudi Arabia believe on the need of addressing plastic pollution through (circularity approaches) based on the principles of reduce, reuse, recycle, and remove of plastic waste.

Recent research evidence that higher recycling rates of post-consumer plastics are achievable with the right business model, product design, consumer awareness, technology deployment, and regulatory support

The objective should aim to reduce additional plastic pollution in the environment and marine plastic litter takes into consideration a bottom to top approach and based on the national circumstances that includes reducing the discharge of mismanaged plastic litter by improving waste management in environmentally sound and providing innovative solutions through research and developments while recognizing the critical role of plastics for society.

**Thank you Chair,**



## KSA intervention on

### Agenda (3) Potential Elements

#### a). for Core Obligations, Control Measures, and voluntary approaches

Thank you Chair for giving us the floor. We would like to extend our thanks to the secretariat for preparing and providing the document to guide our discussions and hopefully enable us to progress constructively.

To start, we believe that any discussion must recognize the **vital role that plastic plays in sustainable development and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals**. Therefore, any measures taken by this treaty shall recognize the **importance of the continuation of plastic production while ensuring the effective management of plastic waste by relying on circular approaches** to emissions and waste management.

Countries must have the capacity to understand, assess, and address the socio-economic impacts of the implementation of response measures, This is especially important for developing countries. The treaty must have practical provisions that take into account different national circumstances, needs and priorities.

With regard to core obligations, control measures and voluntary approaches, It is my country's view that:

- A) *For Core obligations:* they should be broad enough to encompass the sole objective of this treaty as stated in UNEA 5/14, to end pollution resulting from plastic waste. This can be achieved when tackling **the root cause of the Pollution**, which is **ineffective management of waste**. Core obligations **shall be solely focused** on promoting, **environmentally sound management (ESM)** with consideration of all stages of plastic as stated in decision 5/14. to achieve a comprehensive and an inclusive treaty, *these* specific obligations, **shall be based on national circumstances**, with **special flexibility provisions to developing countries**, underpinned by bottom-up approaches. These specific obligations shall refer to the objective of the treaty as mandated and by the scope of the treaty.
- B) *For Control Measures:* Open communication channels between parties of the treaty and the instrument must be established, to aid in the communication of **nationally determined action plans** without any standardization or harmonization to the elements in these communications or in the plans themselves as all of this should be nationally determined, based on a bottom-up approach, aligned with each country's national strategy, and address the pollution within each country's geographical boundaries.

C) *For Voluntary approaches:* We understand that some parties will have more capacity, capability and access to relevant technologies than others. This instrument should enable those parties to increase their ambitious, if they wish to do so.

Thank you Mr Chair

We agree with many previous speakers who have rightfully highlighted that we cannot engage in a theoretical discussion and end up with a treaty with limited implementation . In order for this treaty to be impactful, all discussions on obligations must carefully take requisite means of implementation into consideration. and we support the position taken by the distinguished delegate from Egypt who highlighted that we must have assessment of developing country needs that would enable implementation of this treaty.

Additionally, we believe that research and development is important to advance our ability to manage this significant challenge. But the development of technical solutions to our plastic waste challenge will only be as strong as the technical assistance and cooperation provided to allow equitable access to these technologies. Furthermore, technological solutions must be comprehensive without limiting them to certain types, since the capabilities and infrastructure differ from one country to another.

With regards to finance in this treaty, we believe that this must follow other multilateral treaties that honor the common but differentiated responsibilities as set out in Principle 7 of The Rio Declaration, with financial flows from developed to developing countries. with regard to the polluter pay principle and Extended producer responsibility, we believe that this is not a substitute to financial obligations of developed countries. these are also new ideas that are not well defined in this process and we strongly oppose their inclusion at this time in any documents produced until there is a common understanding of what is meant by these terms.



We would also like to support the call made by Cameroon to establish a CG to discuss means of implementation.

### **Support to monitoring and evaluation of progress in, and effectiveness of implementation and national reporting**

We believe it is too early to discuss the issue of monitoring and evaluation, especially considering the lack of agreement on the substantive issues and the current progress.

Forward-looking developing countries have their own unique circumstances and capabilities and monitoring shall not put burden on developing countries, we believe that building and supporting capacities with the necessary tools is extremely important, while this monitoring and evaluation shall be nationally driven with no common standards for reporting.

### **Other Aspects including scientific and technical cooperation and coordination, research and awareness raising**

Thank you, Mr. Chair, for giving us the floor.

Saudi Arabia would like to highlight the importance of supporting research and development in finding technical solutions such as; circularity approaches and investigating sustainable technical solutions throughout the plastic value chain. Saudi Arabia echoes our distinguish colleague from Japan and Brazil on the need of a subsidiary body in science and technology.

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia sees the need to support and promote constructive interaction between policy and the scientific and research community, at all local and global levels, and to sustain science-based approach with regard to the sound management of plastic waste. This includes promoting the sound management of plastic waste, pollution prevention, and effective participation.

The international community should focus on finding sustainable and innovative solutions for waste management through proper scientific evidence, and build on those outputs to drive policies.

These solutions including technologies should ensure comprehensive alternative without limiting them to certain types, since the capabilities and infrastructure differ from one country to another.

it should be based on the importance that all scientific evidence must be robust and clear with a clear approach that evaluates alternatives to the current material, and does not create more harm to economic growth as well as environmental impact. Finally, Saudi Arabia is looking forward to the outcomes and contribution of the UNEA resolution 8 titled "science-Policy Panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution".

### **Stakeholder Participation & Action**

Thank you, Mr. Chair, for giving us the floor.

We reiterate that outcomes of the discussion of the multi stakeholders needs to be transparent and submitted by the secretary in sufficient time, allowing for member states to review and digest them in sufficient time.

We see the need for a broad and diverse representation of stakeholders across the value-chain, and it is important to differentiate between committee member submissions and stakeholder submissions, such as physical scientists, social scientists, business and industry, recyclers, and including the informal sectors to provide member states the opportunity to recognize the perspectives of different stakeholders.

In regards to intersessional work we would be cautious of the limited time we have, and we would request the secretariat to provide more clarity on the modality of stakeholder's participation and activities. Saudi Arabia is suggesting the following for the intersessional work to have constructive stakeholders' engagement and participations:

1. We welcome the suggestion of workshops and side events, while ensuring clear topics are defined well before the events
2. we see the form being held well in advance prior to the INC meetings to allow for a comprehensive synthesis of the discussions
3. We see the most benefit from in-person sessions, as the virtual settings is challenging for engagement
4. To allow for a streamlined discussion we would suggest the creation of a portal, this would bring all the summaries from the MSF in one portal and in the future could allow for discussions, reactions, questions, research, and findings, and overall submissions. This would provide insights to the process
5. Finally, we recognize the role of other stakeholders and the valuable input they can provide but this would be out of the formal negotiations process.

Thank you for Mr. Chair

### **Standard articles on final provisions**

Thank you, Mr. Chair, and secretariat, as well as our colleagues from different delegations for the progress so far.

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is keen on working cooperatively and with a high level of flexibility with all the delegations, and we are keen to reach the end of 2024 with a draft instrument as UNEA decision had stated, and as you know, the work of the first INC is still incomplete by this we mean that we have not touched upon many other important aspects, and in that we must focus on working towards the main elements of the agreement, before discussing the final form of the agreement. And we reiterate our keenness to complete the preparation

of the instrument, and we are also listening to all the opinions put forward by colleagues on this issue and we look forward to seeing the outputs in the upcoming INCs so that we can determine their impact.

All thanks and appreciation

### **Sequencing and recommended further work to be undertaken**

We welcome workshops and side events along INCs sessions focusing on the technical aspects, we believe of the benefits from in-person sessions, as the virtual settings is challenging for engagement for most countries.

Chair, we would like to stress the importance that this process is committee driven and this is a legal treaty that will be adopted by committee members. We want to emphasize that it has to be driven by the parties and they lead the negotiation process, and that stakeholder participation can't interfere with our work

Thanks, Mr. Chair.

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السيد الرئيس،

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته،

يطيب لي بالنيابة عن وفد بلادي المملكة العربية السعودية، أن أكرر شكري لحكومة جمهورية الأوروغواي على ما وجدناه من حفاوة وتنظيم، كما وأشكر سعادتكم على قيادتكم لاجتماع اللجنة الأول ونتطلع الى مزيد من النجاحات للاجتماعات القادمة.

السيد الرئيس، نؤكد أيضاً على حرص المملكة العربية السعودية على الوصول ما نصبو إليه من حماية البيئة وإيجاد حل للتلوث البلاستيكي يتلائم مع الجميع، ويأخذ بالاعتبار القدرات والامكانيات المتباينة بين الدول، ونذكر أنفسنا وزملائنا من الوفود الأخرى بأن أساس اجتماعنا هذا يجمعه هدف واحد تمت صياغته في قرار جمعية الأمم المتحدة لدورتها الخامسة (١٤/٥). ونحن حريصون كذلك على الالتزام بالخطة الزمنية المتفق عليها للانتهاء من العمل على مسودة الصك الدولي الملزم قانوناً، كما أننا نتطلع للتنظيم القادم للدورات التشاورية فيما بين اجتماعات اللجنة.

نؤمن بأن معالجة دورة حياة البلاستيك قد تناولتها اتفاقيات أخرى متعددة، كما أن قرار جمعية الأمم المتحدة للبيئة يدعو الى انهاء التلوث البلاستيكي ولذلك ينبغي على الجميع التركيز على مسألة التلوث، والتي من اهم أسبابها الإدارة غير السليمة بينيا للنفايات.

الجميع تابع ما توصلنا اليه في الأيام السابقة من مشاورات على طريقة عمل اللجنة القادم INC2، وما نأمل من مشاركة لأصحاب المصلحة، ولكن يتبقى علينا عمل مهم للغاية وهو الاتفاق الإجماعي على اهداف الصك، إظهاره ومبادئه، لكي نحقق الهدف المشترك بحلول عام ٢٠٢٤م، ولذلك فإننا ندعو زملائنا من الوفود الأخرى وسكرتارية اللجنة ورؤساء المجموعات الإقليمية على أن نعمل بروح التعاون لرؤية مزيد من النتائج في الاجتماعات القادمة.

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ختاماً، إن هذا الصك يعد أداة مثالية وفرصة لتكامل الجهود بين كافة الدول لوضع حد للتلوث البلاستيكي لكن هذا الامر مربوط لحين سنه بشكل شمولي ومتوازن كما نكرر شكرنا لحكومة جمهورية الأوروغواي وللجنة التفاوض الحكومية الدولية ولزملائنا من الوفود الحكومية المشاركة.

شكرًا السيد الرئيس.