First session of the Inter-Governmental Negotiating Committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution (INC 1)

4b) Support of implementation, including CB, TA and financial support

Punta del Este (Uruguay) – 30 November 2022

Thank you Mr. Chair,

- To mobilize the required resources to end plastic pollution, will not be an easy task. We have to be innovative, to mobilize investments, to collect finances from all sources and include the private sector.

- An important component will be the implementation of the polluter pays principle, e.g. through EPR schemes that allow to reduce plastic pollution and mobilize financial resources.

- A few years back, we have developed the integrated approach to the long-term funding of the Chemicals and Waste Agenda that was adopted by the Governing Council of UNEP. The approach with the three element “mainstreaming, industry involvement and dedicated external finance” is relevant and meaningful for the field of plastic pollution and could be a good starting point for further discussions.

- As outlined in the UNEA Resolution 5/14, capacity building and financial & technical assistance will be required for a number of countries to meet their obligations and enhance the implementation.

- Concerning the financial mechanism – the form, mechanism and arrangements will strongly depend on the structure and content of the treaty, and in particular on the objective and legally binding obligations the treaty contains.

- Last but not least, we are committed to define measures that are cost-effective to make best use of financial resources and to use the synergies with existing instruments, in particular the BRS conventions, to lower the costs of managing the treaty and to lower the administrative burden for Member States.