

National Statement by Teeraporn Wiriwutikorn, Thailand
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Thank you Mr. Chair,

At the outset, we would like to congratulate you and Bureau's members upon your election as the Chair and Bureau of OEWG, also express our sincere thanks to the government of Senegal for their hospitality to host this meeting in Dakar, Senegal and our grateful gratitude to the INC Secretariat for their hard effort in organizing this vital meeting.

Thailand joined all member states' effort in adopting UNEA5.2 resolution to end plastic pollution. In this regards, it is important to have the holistic and ambitious instrument in place to end the plastic pollution. Therefore, during the negotiation, Thailand supports all decisions made during the INC process not only by consensus but also by majority for some certain exhausted issues. We also support the co-chairs system to lead INC in making the inclusive decisions with balancing between developing and developed countries' prospective.

Numbers of key points should be also highlighted here as well:

-well and constructive plan and organization of INC for its inclusive and achievable work either in each session or during their intersessional periods within the timeframe should be developed or agreed in this meeting.

-Plastic pollution can be transboundary nature, therefore it should be addressed through full life cycle management approach of plastics, therefore the use and release of harmful substances will be also addressed at all phases of the lifecycle of plastics.

-In determining recommendations for the priorities and the order of discussion of the instrument, the national circumstances and capabilities on plastic pollution intervention should consider by taking into account needs of developing countries especially increase their national capacity in term of full life cycle of plastic management through technical and financial assistance, technology transfer and promoting cooperation among related parties.

-The strengthen of the science-policy interface towards plastic pollution at all levels, definitely improves understanding of the global impact of plastic pollution on the environment, and promote effective and progressive action at the local,

regional and global levels, recognizing the important role played by plastics in society.

-The instrument should be based on a precautionary approach and a principle of Common but Differentiated Responsibilities as well as recognize the devastating and frequently irreversible impact of plastic pollution on ecosystems, the climate and livelihoods. The instrument should cover all recognized international gaps, and complement and enhance existing instruments, while avoiding duplication of efforts. Also phasing out schemes should be introduced for the economic adaptation among member states.

Las but not least, Thailand wishes to emphasize once again that we are ready to work with all member states and all stakeholders to develop this new, but inclusive and ambitious instrument to end the plastic pollution. And Mr. Chair upon your guiding and leadership, this meeting will be concluded with its fruitful outcomes of constructive preparations for INC in terms of both procedures and key elements of the provisions of this new instrument.

Thank you very much.
