

Mr. Chair:

The Ghanaian delegation is grateful for the opportunity to address this session.

The Government of Ghana fully align with all the statements of the African Group so far and wish to refer to the Multistakeholder Dialogue session which took place on Tuesday. In this regard, we wish to request for the Secretariat to have the synthesis report made available under in-session documents.

All stakeholders including industry, the scientific community, the informal sector such as plastic waste pickers, youth groups and civil society organizations should be recognized and empowered as essential stakeholders in the INC process.

Ghana wishes to call for the establishment of a robust monitoring and evaluation system which is evidence based and makes use of well-established indicators for the monitoring of targets, ambitions, and compliance at the global and national levels.

We call for the establishment of a Legacy Fund, a voluntary fund with generous contributions from industry players to manage legacy plastic, which is the outcome of decades of waste resulting from irresponsible patterns of production and consumption of plastics. This Legacy fund must be established and operationalized in the interim whilst the INC process is underway.

We call on UNEP to establish and manage this fund which should be made accessible to all Member States especially for countries in the global south. We also suggest that part of the financial instrument that would be established under the legally binding instrument, should be applied towards the support and sustenance of the Legacy Fund.

Ghana calls on the High Ambition Business Coalition and other like-minded Coalitions to make ambitious commitments during INC2 towards the establishment and operation of the financial instrument.

Mr. Chairman I thank you for the opportunity.