

Thank you Chair,

Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

- I would like to thank to the **UNEP and Uruguay** for the great effort in organizing this Meeting.

Honorable delegates,

- We would like to stress our appreciation on the adoption of **decision on end-of plastic pollution and** the relevant process.
- Türkiye gives **particular importance** to the **policies and actions** in order to reduce both **land based and marine plastic pollution**.
- In Türkiye the Zero Waste Project is carried out under the auspices of our First Lady Her Excellency Madame Emine Erdoğan. Türkiye urges member states of the UNEP to support the goodwill document signed by Mrs. Erdoğan and Mr. Antonio Guterres in UNGA 77 in order to extend the country's Zero Waste project around the world.
- We will pursue our endeavor as the country which **established Green Deal Action plan** and still prepare its own **National Action Plan on Circular Economy including plastics**. Regarding the management of single-use plastics, charging

implementation for plastic bags were started in 2019, and we achieved 65% reduction.

- We are an eager country for the elimination of plastic pollution. We also support and contribute the ongoing work under EU, OECD and Basel Secretariats,
- We put into force provincial marine litter action plans for all coastal provinces. And 180 thousand tons of marine litter has been collected from the coast and the sea since 2019.
- The COP22 of UNEP/MAP Barcelona Convention took place on December 2021 in Antalya and we have been conducting the role of the President of Bureau for the current biennium.
- Based on the phrase "Pollution does not have border", a Memorandum of Understanding between the Barcelona and Bucharest Conventions were signed for effective management of marine litter during our 2016 term presidency.
- I would like to express that Türkiye is ready to take a leading role in providing cooperation at the regional level within the scope of the New Instrument.
- Regarding Climate Change which has a great connection with plastic pollution. After ratification of the Paris

Agreement, Türkiye shares **more eager than ever** to combat climate change.

- Our **2053** Net Zero Target and **Green Development Revolution** has been announced by President of Türkiye H.E. Recep Tayyip ERDOĞAN in UN General Assembly.
- We prepared more ambitious **NDC** and increased our emission reduction target that we announced as 21% from business as usual by 2030 to 41%.
- Plastic pollution is caused by many factors as I mentioned and needs to be agreed upon for each component.
- We expect the New Instrument to consider providing financial mechanisms and technical supports to developing countries such as Türkiye.
- I would like to end my remarks by underlining our endeavor to reach United Nations decision **“End Plastic Pollution”!**
- Thank you.

Thank you Chair,

The preparation of control measures is an issue that should be emphasized. It is necessary to address the entire life cycle of plastic, starting with the production of plastic, and to take actionable measures at every step. At this point, all countries must contribute to the process by showing determination. In addition, it is important to monitor and report whether the prepared measures are fulfilled or not, and to provide technical and financial support to the countries where they are lacking by evaluating the national monitoring reports produced within the scope of scientific methods.

For the purpose of creating a healthy and habitable environment and transition to circular economy for the existing and future generations by preserving our natural resources and eco-systems to determine a plastic strategy has a great importance.

We would like to share some keynotes from our experiences obtained our national action plan implementations from Regional Sea Conventions and waste management and action plan with the floor.

Firstly, national action plans should be prepared in the presence of all relevant stakeholders and their opinions should be reflected to the NAP's. So that stakeholder analysis must be conducted precisely in order to have a clear and applicable NAP. In order to ensure prevention, reduction and elimination principles, NAPs should include national targets, actions regarding to reach the targets and timeline for the targets.

Secondly, as the different geographical challenges needs different solutions; NAP's should be adaptable to all coverage area.

NAPs could be a useful tool for encouraging the national implementations, facilitate monitoring the activities and follow up the developments. Besides NAPs of the countries could enable to present current situation about the actions so that the actions could be supported by the international instrument in financial or technical way.

Last but not least, the national action plans should be compatible with the neighboring regions.

Thank you.

Thank you chair,

We believe multilateral financial mechanism and technology transfer is imperative to support implementation, including capacity building, technical assistance and finance. But how can we act together, we believe that today we are looking for the answer to this question. The important thing is to be sure that no one left behind, as it is said at UNEA. It should be our basic understanding to act strategically, to benefit from all kinds of investments, private sector, public and other international financial mechanisms while carrying out studies on this subject.

When the new instrument is established, a unit related to budgetary issues should be established and it should be ensured that it acts with a mechanism subject to independent auditing in terms of prioritization, project design and technology and information transfer in the distribution of financial funds.

As in all other activities, transparency, sensitivity and financial prioritization on the basis of subject and country are required.

With these mechanisms, we can get an integrated result from the efforts of developing and developed countries and ensure the end of plastic pollution.

Thank you.

Thank you Mister President,

We believe that a reporting format that will include the most basic parameters should be developed first, without putting additional burden on the shoulders of countries that are already carrying out different reporting on different platforms.

We think that monitoring the effectiveness of the new instrument and monitoring of the national action plans can be considered as two separate issues.

Transparency and timing are important in monitoring the objectives and the contents of the national action plan.

While preparing the national reporting formats, it is important to consider the effectiveness in the preparation of the formats of the monitoring reports simultaneously.

Such monitoring and reporting can be used as a successful tool in measuring the success of national efforts and the effectiveness of the contract.

On the other hand, it is absolutely necessary to have scientific evidence at the core of our work to monitor our national reports.

In this context, we think that with the establishment of the new instrument, a science policy interface group should work and feed the instrument scientifically.

We expect the Secretariat to evaluate the monitoring reports within a transparent process and to submit the results and recommendations report to all member countries regarding the monitoring of progress.

Thank you.

Thank you mister chair

First of all we would like to thank the Secretariat for the excellent documents they have prepared.

The End Plastic Pollution decision taken at UNEA 5 is a decision of historical importance on the protection of the environment and has brought us great responsibility in the INC process. We know that everyone is aware of this responsibility.

We would like to state that it is beneficial that the new instrument to be prepared is a plastics-specific multilateral environmental contract.

We think that the different capacities and technical structures of the countries should be taken into account in the New Instrument, and it should allow the provision of the necessary financial funds. In addition, having a specific working unit for marine issues will provide faster results.

We expect the new instrument to form a basis for joint work of countries by bringing together not only national and global but also regional actors.

Türkiye believes that considering all these issues as annexes to the new instrument should also be kept on the agenda.

The new instrument should cover broadly the sustainable consumption and production, life cycle assesment of plastics, measures and details describe the national action plans in order to ensure their implementation on a timely manner. And also the new instrument should be established based on EPR and polluter pays principles.

Thank you.

Thank you Mister Chair,

I would like to start my speech by talking about awareness.

We hope that the decisions we will make here will be adopted by the society and lead to habit changes. In this way, we can be sure that the steps we take to protect the environment, biological diversity and human health will be carried on to better positions by future generations.

In this respect, we can reach the society through activities such as organizing national and global awareness raising campaigns, and making initiatives to add the subject to the education programs.

We think that the work that will reflect the importance given by the secretariat to the subject should be carried out in a transparent manner.

We expect and support the initiatives of the world of science and technology regarding the new instrument, which we can describe as the game changer of the coming years.

We hope that the Secretariat will not spare its efforts to ensure that countries gain equal benefits in socio-economic and scientific dimensions.

Thank you very much.

Thank you Mister Chair,

Türkiye has previously stated the importance of the wide stakeholder participation in the process with this opportunity my delegation would like to underscore once again this point. Having Said that...i would like to bring your kind attention to the following:

We are aware that in this session we are discussing stakeholder engagement outside of member states. However, as the Turkish delegation, we find it useful to first raise an issue regarding the participation of member states in the process.

I would like to begin my speech by recalling the critical importance of the responsibility given by the decision on End Plastic Pollution adopted at UNEA 5.

We are all, aware of the importance of fulfilling this task.

In that regard, we believe that the negotiation process has to be carried out with a transparent,

fair and equitable manner.

However, some regional groups' meetings did not hold regularly or efficiently.

Therefore, some countries, including Turkey, cannot not find any opportunity to express the views and perspectives within these regional groups in which they have the right to vote. We have the difficulty to understand what are the roles and responsibilities of the regional groups some of which are not convened, in the negotiation process.

We are pleased if the Secretariat clarify this point.

Thank you.

Dear president,

First of all, we would like to express our sincere thanks to the Secretariat for all the documents it has prepared.

We are grateful to both the secretariat, member countries and stakeholders as per the decision taken at UNEA 5.

We firmly believe that when we come to the end of the INC process, we will have a successful instrument. Like everyone else, we are excited to see this instrument in its entirety.

As all parties, we will continue to work tirelessly for an extremely inclusive, detailed and scientific instrument.

It is seen that the articles prepared as final provisions are prepared similarly to other multilateral environmental conventions. We are of the opinion that the draft articles will be developed with joint effort in the upcoming meetings and intersessional discussions.

Having said that,

We underline once again that the Secretariat should play a facilitating role regarding the work of the regional groups we held in the previous session, and we would like to reiterate that we are waiting for your kind reply.

Thank you.

Thank you Chair,

We are fully aware of the effective sequencing helps to overcome negotiation challenges. It is known that inappropriate sequencing is the basis of most of the problems encountered within the implementation phases.

We would like to underline that the sequencing part is an important issue that needs to be thought through in order not to encounter any bad surprises later on.

In order to enable us, who set out with the great goal of ending plastic pollution, to work on the subject in detail, it is considered beneficial to address issues such as the creation of subgroups and the presentation of scientific resources as a base for studies as soon as possible.

The issue of sequencing also arises in planning the entire application from start to finish, scheduling funding, and measuring effectiveness with reporting.

I would like to express that we expect the sequencing issue related to intersessional meetings in INC processes to be resolved as quickly as possible and shared with all parties.

We have no doubt that a successful sequencing will be prepared thanks to the guidance of the Secretariat on the subject as usual.

Thank you very much.

Dear president,

On behalf of my delegation, I would like to thank you for your outstanding presidency during the INC 1 process.

At the same time, we would like to thank the Secretariat for the documents they have prepared and for their flexible and constructive attitude to the issues.

We are also grateful to the Uruguayan government for their excellent hospitality.

As all stakeholders, we firmly believe that our efforts to put an end to plastic pollution, which is an issue that we have to deal with in many different dimensions in such a short time as two years, will be a good example and starting point.

As the parties that prepare the necessities of the UNEA decision, we all leave a mark in history.

I sincerely hope to be together again and achieve success in other meetings in the INC process.

I thank you.