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Your Excellencies,

I extend my appreciation for your correspondence dated 16 April 2024 calling for immediate steps to monitor and disclose the influence of plastic producing industries, petrochemical companies, and other relevant industrial stakeholders in the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) on plastic pollution.

I am grateful for your support to an ambitious outcome of the negotiations that would help to urgently address the global plastic pollution crisis.

I would like to bring to your attention the draft rules of procedure that the Members of the Committee agreed to provisionally apply to its work and which establish the modalities for participation of Observer organizations in the INC sessions.

Participants from UN system entities, duly accredited intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) can participate as Observers in the work of the INC. This means that any participating industry representative must register through these organizations, including business councils and associations accredited to United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Multilateral Environmental Agreements administered by UNEP or those organizations having a consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). Each Member of the Committee or accredited organization has the right to select and nominate their delegation to INC sessions.

As part of the INC process for engagement of non-state actors, all Observers registered provide their name, affiliation, and home organization to aid transparency. This information is reflected in provisional List of Participants made available on the first day of a session, and then again in the final List of Participants soon after a session ends. This approach is consistent with other United Nations global processes.

Please accept, your Excellencies, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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