

COMMENTS ON THE REVISED CHAIR'S SUMMARY BY THE AFRICAN GROUP

Chair, distinguished delegates,

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Africa Group to thank you, Chair and the secretariat for the improved draft of the Chair's Summary that includes all the different views of the group. We recognize that it is not an easy task and appreciate all the hard work.

Throughout the AHEG process, **there has been a gradual convergence among member states around the need for a new and more coherent global governance structure to effectively address plastic pollution.** Yesterday, the call from African states for a binding global agreement was joined **by resounding support from a majority of Member States across the globe.**

A stronger global response is needed to enable the success of national initiatives.

In the interests of further improving the summary and, in particular, the paragraph 22(g) that discusses the international response option, we would like to make the following recommendations on additional elements for inclusion as essential elements, in line with the input provided by the African Group and African countries:

- **Monitoring and reporting framework.** This is the foundation of any meaningful international response, and would include not only harmonizing definitions, methodologies and formats but also setting out clear obligations and timeframes.
- **Financial mechanism.** An international response will require a dedicated financial mechanism and technical support to support developing countries and countries with economies in transition with complying with their commitments.

We commend the Chair, the Bureau and the secretariat for their work on preparing the draft Chair's summary, and based on the fruitful discussions this week, we expect the meeting report to reflect that a majority of the participants recommended UNEA to

establish an intergovernmental negotiation committee to start negotiations.

I would like to note that a colleague this afternoon suggested that Africa position was not clear on plastics. I would like to emphasize that our submission and statements have unanimous support from the African member states participating in this process and in regional consultations in the lead up to this Meeting.

We thank you!