

**Second Session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee
on Plastic Pollution**

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Statement by the Delegation of the United Republic of Tanzania

Thank you for the opportunity Mr Chair,

Your Excellencies

Distinguished Delegates,

1. On the outset, I would like to Thank France for hosting INC 2, we would also like to commend the Secretariat for the outstanding efforts to prepare for this INC including providing the options paper which is a good basis for discussions in this meeting. We also commend you Mr Chair for the able manner in which you are guiding our meeting.
2. As a matter of principle, my Delegation aligns itself with the statement made by Ghana on behalf of African Group. Tanzania remains committed to participate fully in the INC process to meet the ambitious target agreed upon in the UNEA Resolution 5/14.

Distinguished Delegates,

3. Tanzania has a long coastline on the Indian Ocean and therefore experiences large amounts of plastic debris. Over 70 percent of the waste littered in the coast of Dar es Salaam is composed of plastics, however Tanzania only generates one hundred and fifty thousand (150,000) metric tons a year. This means most of the plastic litter collected from our coastline comes from other parts of

the word. This not only affects marine biodiversity, but also the livelihood of many Tanzanians who depend on fishing and tourism as their main economic activity.

4. Tanzania has taken initial steps towards ending plastic pollution. Since 2019, we banned the use of single use plastic carrier bags and promoted the use of alternative reusable bags. We are targeting to reduce plastic litter by 50% by 2032. However this will not be possible without global and multi-stakeholder collaborations which we believe can be catalyzed by a legally binding global instrument.

Distinguished Delegates,

5. Notwithstanding the importance of all the elements provided in the options paper, Tanzania believes that for the agreement to be useful it has to have robust compulsory and voluntary approaches.
6. Therefore, as the committee continues its work in this second session, my delegation wishes to emphasize that identifying core obligations that balances between addressing the full life cycle of plastics while promoting circularity, in all its forms, is crucial so as to have an agreement that is relevant and implementable.
7. Equally important is the means of implementation, especially the establishment of a dedicated multilateral fund, providing capacity building, technology transfer and technical assistance, which would make it possible for all countries to play their role in ending plastic pollution.

8. As I conclude my remarks, my delegation looks forward to have a Zero Draft of the agreement in INC 3 to be guided by discussions in this meeting.

Thank you Chair,