

**STATEMENT FOR HER EXCELLENCY AMBASSADOR WINPEG MOYO FOR THE
DELEGATION OF ZIMBABWE: INC-2: PARIS, FRANCE, 29 MAY TO 2 JUNE 2023**

Mr Chair, since this is the first time the delegation is taking the floor, I wish to congratulate you Chair for your able stewardship of this very important meeting and we do commend you for navigating the previous complex negotiations, whose outcomes are at the moment welcome. Mr Chair, your vast experience in leadership positions has allowed this august body to move forward, and my delegation has confidence that the currently obtaining multilateralism and willingness to work with each other that is demonstratable will lead to a mutually acceptable zero draft treaty text to take to INC-3. Towards this end, the INC Secretariat's work is also greatly commendable. Mr Chair, Zimbabwe also wishes to thank our host country, France, for its hospitality that we are experiencing in this beautiful city of Paris.

Zimbabwe aligns its statement with the Statement read by the distinguished delegate from Ghana on behalf of the African region. Indeed, we do acknowledge that Resolution 5/14 carries with it an ambitious mandate, we have witnessed other similar initiatives which are now four or more years in the making.

My delegation would like to encourage Member States to maintain the momentum which heralded this very important journey with the strong belief that a globally binding agreement can be done in two years. We support the options paper that has been shared believing that it is indeed inclusive and leaves no one behind. My

delegation is also of the opinion that nothing is concluded until all aspects have been taken on board.

Being a landlocked country, Zimbabwe has also suffered its fair share of plastic pollution as a result of, for example, from proliferation of single use plastics such as polystyrene in our environment. Thus we welcome, the aspects of capacity building and control measures, among others, and we are ready to deliberate on these very important matters.

Zimbabwe is currently working on legislation that will help to effectively manage the solid waste management issues that have plagued its citizenry and created a risk to the environment and both human and animal health. Also taking note that recycling initiatives will not and cannot meet the requirements of sound management of plastic waste pollution, Zimbabwe is in support of initiatives that will be produced through engagement of parties under this agreement and thus looks forward to the upcoming negotiations towards this end.

Mr Chair, in the interest of saving time, my delegation wishes to end its short statement by conveying its readiness to work with all member states and to render support to you in the conduct of your very important work.