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Mr. Chairman, distinguished participants, colleague, good afternoon.

First of all, let me extend sincere thanks of my delegation to your and the facilitator's tremendous efforts in putting together diversified views and guide us to the conclusion.

We particularly appreciate the adoption of the Marine Plastic Litter resolution which demonstrates a lot of important elements, including:

- enhancing scientific foundation by a scientific and technological advisory mechanism;
- strengthening cooperation and coordination through a multi-stakeholder platform; and,
- extending the mandate of the work of the Ad-Hoc Open-Ended Expert Group

Our delegation believes that these are the significant progress moving us forward towards the elimination of discharge of litter and microplastics to the marine environment.

In implementing this resolution the role of UNEP is crucial. We do expect that UNEP will collaborate with other International Organizations such as Basel Convention and IMO to maximize efficiency while avoiding duplication of work and responsibility.

Thank you very much.