

**International Chamber of Commerce
Towards a Global Pact for the Environment
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Opening Statement

Excellencies, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen, it is my honour to address you on behalf of the International Chamber of Commerce.

ICC is thankful for this opportunity to address the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group, and would like to once more extend its appreciation to the Co-Chairs, Member States and Secretariat, that have continued to hold these discussions under the Resolution of the General Assembly “Towards a Global Pact for the Environment” in an open, transparent and inclusive manner.

ICC would like to commend the Co-Chairs in developing elements to structure and guide the discussions of this working group and underscore the private sector’s commitment to constructively contribute to the work that will be carried out here in Nairobi over the course of the coming days.

ICC would like to emphasise the need to strive for environmental policies that are mutually supportive, coherent and that move us in the right direction to address the growing environmental challenges of our time.

In particular, ICC, as champion of both the environment and multilateral trade, would also like to emphasise the need to improve synergies and coherence between environmental, investment, trade, and other policy frameworks in the pursuit of strengthening environmental protection while advancing economic and social development sustainably.

In closing, we reaffirm our ongoing commitment to engage constructively in support of this process and our wider environmental ambitions, both here in Nairobi, as well as in your home jurisdictions.

Thank you