

**RWANDA intervention on Agenda Item 5: Consideration of potential response options pursuant to subparagraph 10(d) of United Nations Environment Assembly resolution 3/7**

We would like to thank the Chair and our fellow delegates and experts for the rich discussions and submissions on an international response option. We have found them to be very informative and see many commonalities among them that we believe sketch out the contours of an effective international response.

We would like to draw attention to a few salient ones from our perspective.

- **First**, we see convergence on shared objectives, namely that we must prevent plastic pollution in all compartments of the environment while promoting a safe circular economy for plastics. On both accounts, we see convergence on the need to take a comprehensive approach that addresses the full lifecycle of plastics, including upstream measures on production.
  
- **Second**, we see the need for a global monitoring and reporting framework, one that harmonizes definitions, methodologies and formats—as well as reporting obligations and timeframes—so that we can measure national, and by extension, global progress toward our shared objectives.

- **Third**, we see a need for national action plans tailored to local, national and regional circumstances. These plans will benefit from common approaches established at the global level on product design and labelling. In addition, in many countries, national plan development and implementation will require financial support for enabling activities as well as technical assistance. We believe this would be best delivered via a dedicated multilateral fund established specifically for this purpose, one that ensures effectiveness and efficiency while avoiding the patchwork approach we see today.
  
- **Fourth**, we see the need for a coordination mechanism that aligns the actions and activities of other international and regional instruments, for which there are many, while avoiding unnecessary duplication.

These are just a few of the components, the building blocks that should serve as the basis for the development of a binding global agreement on plastic pollution.

We would encourage these and others to be reflected in AHEG meeting report and Chair's Summary.