

Environment and Social Development Organization

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Intervention on Subitem-5 sequencing-Stakeholder engagement in INC process

Thank you, Mr. Chair,

I am taking the floor on behalf of the Environment and Social Development Organization-ESDO, a public interest organization from Bangladesh and South Asia.

Mr. Chair, we firmly believe that the participation of all stakeholders in the INC process is very important for an inclusive global plastic treaty, to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment.

Mr. Chair, we do not believe a multistakeholder forum is the best way for stakeholder engagement, but instead, urge the member states to allow and open all regional meetings to all stakeholders and to create a space for meaningful discussions between them. This will include the importance of the participation of all stakeholders, including CSOs/NGOs/Academica, this also requires inperson participation and ensuring financial support to delegates and observers from low-and middle-income countries in the INC process.

I thank you, Mr. Chair.

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