

Madam President,
Excellencies,
Distinguished delegates,

First, I **must thank**
the **Government of Kenya** for all the warm hospitality
and UNEP for organizing this event.

Excellencies,
We meet here again in Nairobi
as the triple planetary crisis is posing
the **greatest challenge humanity has ever faced**.

Every summer, the temperature hits new record highs
and our Planet is suffering un-precedented floods, droughts,
heat-waves, wild-fires, and so on.

Wild-life population dropped by 70% since 1970s
as direct result of human activities,
killing **biodiversity, nature's insurance for mankind**.

Pollution is also an eminent threat to humanity.
92% of world population lives in the place
where air pollution exceeds safe limits.

In fact, **Mother-Nature sounded alarm**, long ago,
asking mankind to wake up, and to do things differently.

And we are constantly reminded that **no region is immune**

Plastic waste is also threatening our planet,
just like the global pandemic has done so.

Two years ago,

We have come together to develop a global treaty
to end plastic pollution by the end of this year.

We have been working on how this treaty should look like,
and what complements it needs.

But the important thing is we are running out of time.

Right now, what we need is a **big umbrella** all countries can
hold together.

A powerful, symbolic flag that helps us tackle plastic
pollution. **That is our treaty.**

As the host country INC 5, Korea wishes to see the
conclusion of agreement,
at least on what are urgent, and feasible first,
and start putting it in reality.

I have no doubt that our action today
will bring about the change we want.

Thank you.