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 unprecedented 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 things 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.