

In reference to the letter sent on 15 January 2025 by the President of UNEA, the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Korea believes the ministerial declaration of UNEA-7 should include **a reference to the need for a strong and robust international cooperation to end plastic pollution**. We provide our key messages for inclusion in the draft declaration as follows:

- If the **Plastics Treaty** is successfully adopted within this year, all countries should be prepared to ratify and implement the treaty in a swift manner.
- Regardless of the outcome of the negotiations, it is imperative to establish and promote **civic action strategies** from citizens' and community level to ensure broad stakeholder engagement. Since individuals are key actors in the production, consumption, and disposal of plastics, their active participation is essential in addressing this global challenge.