

Countries supporting the “Standing up for Ambition” statement so far:

1. Angola
2. Australia
3. Antigua and Barbuda
4. Bangladesh
5. Bosnia and Herzegovina
6. Canada
7. Chile
8. Colombia
9. Congo, Republic of.
10. Cook Islands
11. Costa Rica
12. Dominican Republic
13. Ecuador
14. El Salvador
15. Ethiopia
16. Eswatini
- European Union and its 27 Member States
17. Austria
18. Belgium
19. Bulgaria
20. Cote d'Ivoire
21. Croatia
22. Cyprus
23. Czech Republic
24. Denmark
25. Estonia
26. Finland
27. France
28. Germany
29. Greece
30. Hungary
31. Ireland
32. Italy
33. Latvia
34. Lesotho
35. Lithuania
36. Luxembourg
37. Malta
38. Netherlands
39. Nigeria
40. Poland
41. Portugal
42. Romania
43. Slovakia
44. Slovenia
45. Spain

46. Sweden
47. Federated States of Micronesia
48. Fiji
49. Gabon
50. Georgia
51. Ghana
52. Granada
53. Guatemala
54. Guinea
55. Honduras
56. Iceland
57. Israel
58. Kiribati
59. Lesotho
60. Malawi
61. Maldives
62. Mali
63. Marshall Islands
64. Madagascar
65. Mexico
66. Moldova
67. Monaco
68. Norway
69. Niue
70. New Zealand
71. Panama
72. Papua New Guinea
73. Peru
74. Philippines
75. Rwanda
76. Serbia
77. Seychelles
78. Switzerland
79. Togo
80. Tonga
81. Ukraine
82. United Kingdom
83. Uruguay
84. Vanuatu
85. Zimbabwe

Text of the Statement:

Standing Up For Ambition

Statement on Indispensable Elements for an Effective Treaty

We stand in solidarity with the vast majority of INC Member States working constructively to find common ground and to conclude an urgently needed, effective treaty. We have made much-needed progress on a range of issues that will be critical for the treaty to achieve its goal of protecting human health and the environment from the adverse effects of plastic pollution.

However, we voice our strong concerns about ongoing calls by a small group of countries to remove binding provisions from the text that are indispensable for the treaty to be effective.

Ambition must be reflected throughout the treaty, covering binding provisions and support provided. The treaty must:

- Include a requirement for the Conference of the Parties to adopt, at its first session, in an annex a global target to reduce the production of primary plastic polymers to sustainable levels, and for each Party to take measures across the full lifecycle of plastics to achieve the global target
- Establish a clear and legally binding obligation to phase out the most harmful plastic products and chemicals of concern in plastics
- Provide ambitious and effective means of implementation, including technical assistance and timely, accessible, predictable and adequate financing from all sources for recipient developing countries, in particular Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States
- Enable future development, including by adopting new annexes or amending existing annexes, through regular UN procedures for decision making if all efforts at consensus have been exhausted

A treaty that lacks these elements and only relies on voluntary measures would not be acceptable.

Those most affected by plastic pollution must be supported in the development of inclusive and equitable pathways forward. A just transition is critical to the success of this treaty, ensuring that no one is left behind.

We are operating under a clear mandate from the UN Environment Assembly - a mandate fully supported by all INC members. It is time we take it seriously and negotiate a treaty that is fit for purpose and not built to fail.

We call on all INC members to seize this historic opportunity to conclude an ambitious and effective treaty that demonstrates our collective resolve to end plastic pollution for the benefit of current and future generations.