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PLASTICS INDUSTRY STATEMENT

Excellency, Honourable Minister of Madagascar, Ladies and gentleman, all protocol observed

My name is Douw Steyn, Director Sustainability at Plastics SA. On behalf of the plastics industry, thank you for the opportunity to present at this meeting. I am a member of the International Council of Chemical Associations – Plastics Leadership Group for the Plastics Treaty, the Global Plastics Alliance and Plastics SA

The plastics industry thank the Nairobi convention for including the industry as an expert partner in the Nairobi Convention activities eg. in the development of the Western Indian Ocean ROGS – Regional Ocean Governance Strategy

The industry, and the partners here, all agree that plastics does not belong in the environment and in our oceans and we need to enhance collaboration at multiple levels to find the best solutions to address this environmental problem.

We need Enabling Actions by all stakeholders in the Value Chain:

- Governments
- Plastics makers and converters
- Financial institutions
- Brand Owners and retailers
- Waste manager sand recyclers
- Scientific and academic institutions

Going forward

The plastics industry pledge its support for governments completing negotiations at INC-5 in Busan, Republic of Korea, on an international legally binding instrument to address plastic pollution, especially in the marine environment.

The industry support a workable global agreement, increased transparency on the use of chemical additives in plastics, and provisions to accelerate the transition to a more circular economy for plastics such as national targets to drive innovations in product design, improve recycling rates, and sustainable financing mechanisms.

Thank you for your attention.