Madam Chair, distinguished delegates,

Rwanda is honored to be given this time in order to present its request to the plenary of this 3rd AHEG meeting. Rwanda is committed to ensuring a successful outcome of the UNEA 5. To this regards, we are extending our interest in hosting either the 4th or the 5th Ad Hoc Open Ended Expert Group on Marine litter and Microplastics at the Kigali Convention Center. This is the venue that hosted the historical 28th meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer.

Rwanda wish to host this expert group meeting comes in a concept where, we are all aware that plastic pollution is a global problem requiring solutions at a global level.

Madam chair, distinguished delegates, we will be highly honored by the appreciation of our request by this plenary.

We thank you.