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Dear Minister,

Many thanks for your leadership to date on the development of a Global Plastics Treaty. This is a critical global issue that required a global policy solution.

Unilever, alongside the 300+ businesses that represent the Business Coalition for a Global Plastics Treaty, are **deeply concerned that the INC-5.2 negotiations are running out of time**. In these final days and hours of negotiations, governments must now act decisively, guided by the clear ask from the majority of countries, businesses, and civil society to deliver a robust agreement based on the core critical elements which can and should underpin an effective treaty

We remain steadfast in our belief that a robust treaty with **harmonised regulations and common obligations for phase-outs (Article 3), product design (Article 5) and Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) (Article 8) – is the most effective way to pursue a lasting impact on plastic pollution while delivering economic, environmental and social value**. Voluntary national action on these core elements is not enough and will add significant barriers and costs for business to implement the necessary changes at scale.

Business wants you to seize this opportunity. Unilever and the members of the Business Coalition are ready and willing to implement a treaty based on harmonised regulations, as this will help secure investment and bring scale to the solutions to plastic pollution we are working on.

Harmonised regulations on these three core elements are critical levers to mobilising private sector and investors, reducing long-term public spending on waste management and creating jobs across the value chain.

Our teams in London, Hamburg and Geneva remain available to discuss the above with you or your teams during these final days of negotiations.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Marmot', with a stylized, cursive script.

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