

Civil Society Input into the Ministerial Outcome Document of the 2017 UN Environment Assembly towards a Pollution-Free Planet (received via email on 30 June 2017)

Dear friends

I'm a UNEP West Asia Regional Representative for Major Groups and Stakeholders

Board member of Green Party Lebanon,

Vice President of LEF (umbrella of 45 Lebanese NGOs)

And I represent a Lebanese environmental organization named HEAD (Human Environmental Association for Development).

The mission of our association is the contribution in protecting the environment from pollution and its natural resources (air, water, and biodiversity) in Lebanon

by working to raise environmental awareness,

enhancing technical skills and environmental sense of citizenship of individuals and institutions with focusing on women, children, and young people, in collaboration with governmental and non-governmental institutions. We act within the national interest based on the principles of sustainability and effective participation of the community.

Our concern in this time is focused on the Mediterranean Sea threatened in Lebanon by many issues:

1- the oil spill since July 2006 that occurred during the Lebanon Israeli war in 2006. Polluted all the coast of Lebanon up till now

2- the current waste management crisis faced in Lebanon.

3- the infrastructure incapability of Lebanon to sustain what we currently hold in 2 millions Syrian Refugees and 700.000 of Palestinian refugees.

Our decisions today will shape the world for our children and grandchildren. Let's make the change we wish to see in the world.

It starts with you.

What positive pledge can you make to contribute to combating the pollution of our Oceans & our Seas .

Avoid plastic, use paper bags.

Hope & working to implement a Law to "Avoid using Plastic bags and plastic bottles in the world "

Don't just give wishes, take responsibility to protect our environment !

Raise your voice to Save Your Environment ;Not The sea level,

During the " World Environment Week"HEAD make a campaign "Cleaning the Mediterranean shore " with the collaboration of 500 Scouts and many local NGO's, the result was terrifiant 1/3 from the collect waste was a plastic bags and bottles, and following by a big campaign " Stop using plastic bags , More Turtles,Less Jellyfish "

We NGO's urge the member state to implement a "Law avoiding using Plastic bags & plastic Bottles"

If we can Success this mission, we reduce the sea pollution for 2/3 .

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/p1r5da1nvtkhqfm/Beach%20Cleaning%20final.mp4?dl=0>

Best Regards

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