

## Thailand

Thailand would like to express our appreciation to the Secretariat for all the works and efforts that you have done to conduct the meeting.

Thailand recognize that marine debris, including microplastic issues are repeatedly highlight and discuss at all level; National, Regional and Global. Thailand already take seriously action the mention issue, the 20 years roadmap on plastic waste management has been conducted for a policy framework to deal with plastic problem in the country. By this framework, Thailand is now developing the National Action Plan for marine debris, and in collaborate with ASEAN Member states, the “ASEAN Regional Action Plan for combating marine debris in the ASEAN Member States” are in the process of developing. However, even the National Action Plan is under processing, Thailand has taken a proactive approach, especially on marine debris issue and announce to reduce at least 50% of marine debris by 2027. An immediately action for phase out single-used plastic, thin-film plastic bags and cap seal are starting this year. Several campaigns have been promoting and urge for tightly cooperation among government offices, private sectors, and people to help country combat marine debris, including microplastics.

Technical mechanisms and financial support could drive further action and make marine debris combating possible. Scientific-based information, knowledge-sharing, best practice stories, training program, guideline are increasing efficiency for tackling marine debris and microplastics and can be taking in consideration to frame the action plan.

Finally, Thailand would like to emphasis the need of cooperation concerning prevention and management marine debris as well as capacity building and knowledge-sharing. Thailand will be actively participated and cooperate within regional, international, and intergovernmental organization to make the ocean we want; Clean, healthy, and safe.