

### Philippine Intervention to Agenda Item 3:

#### Progress update on relevant work pursuant to United Nations Environment Assembly resolution 4/6

Mr. Chair, we thank the Secretariat, the Scientific Advisory Committee and Consultants for the work done and presentations.

As regards to the assessment of sources, pathways and hazards, we note the latest findings of the real hazard to human health and the latest estimate of annual losses from marine plastic at about USD 500-2,500B, compared to 2016 estimates of USD 13 B.

Clearly, the losses have remarkably swelled. We have no time to waste. These studies can continue to inform our work, but as AHEG, we need to provide clear recommendations to move decisively and adopt a global legal framework.

We would also like to thank the presentations from BRS and the amendments to strengthen plastic waste management, including increasing health waste and the strengthened Regional Sea Programmes. These are complementary measures to the global response option of a new global legal framework that we should recommend for further work of UNEA-5.