

3 a) Draft assessment on sources, pathways and hazards of litter, including plastic litter and microplastics pollution (UNEP/AHEG/4/INF/3);

The EU and its Member states would like to thank for this update and would like to emphasize and support the finding that there is presently sufficient knowledge on the pressures and impacts of plastic on the environment available to already act now, especially with a view to the precautionary principle. Additional knowledge and science should be taken into account in the future process, i.e. in monitoring progress and at linking monitoring efforts to the assessment of effectiveness of measures in reducing presence of plastic waste and microplastics in the environment - to be anchored in and enabled by the global agreement in plastics.