

4 a) Stocktaking

The EU and its Member States would like to thank the secretariat and the consultants for this summary document on stocktaking - they will certainly be helpful in informing our discussion on response options that will follow.

We take note that the reported actions mostly cover national or sub-national level only. We also noted that “Working with people” (awareness raising and education) was the most frequently reported action.

In addition, we noted that reported legislative action focused predominately on the downstream part and not on prevention.

This is in stark contrast to what a number of delegates have recognised during AHEG meetings, that any solution should be done at the global level, based on a circular approach to plastics - and tackle the upstream part to cover existing gaps.

We believe that many of the findings are extremely relevant for the discussion on response options as they point to different shortcomings of existing actions which the global agreement on plastics would aim to address - and we would be happy to elaborate how once we reach the agenda item 5.