

Statement at AHEG4 on Agenda item 4a) on Stocktaking of existing activities

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Japan

Item 4 (a) Stocktaking of existing activities and action (UNEA resolution 4/6 7a)

1. We first thank the Secretariat to develop the summary of the stocktake which captures most of our comment. We also would like to appreciate that the Secretariat used the template for the first “G20 Report on Actions against Marine Plastic Litter” for the stocktaking exercise.
2. The first G20 report was developed in the follow-up meeting of the G20 Implementation Framework last October, and the report was then updated in the G20 Environmental Ministers meeting on September this year under the Chairmanship of Saudi Arabia. One important finding from the report this year was that though many countries has established or are about to establish national action plans, there are still some countries which have plans without measurable indicators or targets. This means there is a need to assist to establish and implement the plan.
3. Japan is strongly committed to contributing to the UNEA and G20 processes to address marine plastic litter.
4. Working document 4/2 “Summary of the stocktaking of existing activities and action” shows a variety of national policies and measures. Choosing what measures would be best is each country’s responsibility. It is also important for countries to implement best measures through its national action plan. Peer learning can assist each countries’ effort. We may need to promote PDCA cycle involving private sector.