

Statement at AHEG4 on Agenda item 4b) on identification of technical and financial resources or mechanisms

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1. It is important to coordinate technical and financial resources and mechanisms at the international level, for more effective policy implementation.
2. **As for technical resources and mechanisms**, it is important to understand the distribution and accumulation of plastic litter and microplastics in rivers and oceans. We have launched an initiative for data sharing of global microplastic pollution in oceans, cooperating with other G20 countries.
3. **As for financial resources and mechanisms**, it is necessary to further coordinate options of financial resources including the private sector. The provisional summary report concludes that most financial resources were utilized for waste management, however, information from the private sector is limited. It would be difficult for this study to identify how much financial resources were put into actions to tackle upstream issues of the plastic lifecycle.
4. Information on technical and financial resources and mechanism gathered through this work should be made available for stakeholders.