



Fourth meeting of the ad hoc open-ended expert group on marine litter and microplastics

Agenda item 5: Consideration of submissions on potential response options pursuant to paragraph 10 (d) of United Nations Environment Assembly resolution 3/7 on marine litter and microplastics

The World Plastics Council which represents companies around the globe and, the International Council of Chemical Associations, which represents chemical associations, strongly support the **creation of a global framework to catalyse all stakeholders and scale-up global efforts to prevent the leakage of plastic waste into the environment and our ocean.**

There are multiple efforts underway by governments, the private sectors, IGOs, and NGOs to address the challenge of marine plastic debris. However, **these efforts lack coordination and therefore fail to achieve the necessary scale to adequately address the challenge.**

Building on the potential response options discussed by the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Expert Group, **we support the creation of a flexible, transparent governance model** with the following elements:

- **A clear vision and objective** building on the Osaka Blue Ocean Vision to achieve zero discharge of plastic waste entering the marine environment by 2050.
- **A framework enabling a circular economy for plastics and promoting innovation**—Accelerate implementation of “Sustainability by Design” approaches and the conversion of end-of-life plastic products into raw materials, reducing the generation of waste.
- **Common, transparent data collection methods and reporting requirements**— Harmonized, transparent reporting requirements are critical for tracking and assessing progress.
- **Recognising, promoting and scaling up existing efforts**
- **Scale up and accelerate financing to achieve a circular economy**

We look forward to working with governments and stakeholders to tackle the plastic waste challenge at a global scale.