

STATEMENT BY WELFARE TOGO
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CHAIRS SUMMARY

Chair

I am speaking on behalf of WELFARE TOGO a member of AHEG from the African Region.

On behalf of WELFARE TOGO I wish to congratulate you chair and those who provided support that enabled you to produce a draft summary of a high quality standard and that satisfactorily captured the work of the AHEG since its establishment.

Allow me Chair to submit a few observations as follows:

- Under Section 5 (Challenges/Barriers to combat marine litter and microplastics)
 - Legal barrier: In addition to limitations listed in the summary the lack of access to justice was another limitation mentioned 1. Access to justice is a human right and the UNGA adopted a guideline on this issue (United Nations Principles and Guidelines on Access to Legal Aid in Criminal Justice Systems, 2012). Access to justice will assist in the prevention of disposal of plastics and microplastics into ecosystems. We propose this limitation to be added to the list.
 - Financial barrier: Many a time the lack of financing from the plastic industry was mentioned in the AHEG meetings. Since this was seen as a critical challenge that need in-depth

exploration we think it deserves mentioning in this paragraph.

- Technological barriers: To developing countries critical barriers are on transfer and development of technology. Transfer of technology is limited due to cost and patenting. Development of technology within developing countries is faced by the lack of expertise and finance. Since these are critical barriers for developing countries we think they deserve mentioning in this paragraph.

I thank you chair.