



Inputs from the Children and Youth Major Group

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Intervention on Agenda Item 2. Update on the informal processes on marine litter and plastic pollution

Thank you for the floor.

I am Domenico from Italy, from MGCY Marine Litter and Microplastic Working Group speaking on the behalf of the Children and Youth Major Group.

The Children and Youth Major Group has been engaged and following the process of Marine Litter since the first ad hoc open ended working group meeting. We as youth are convinced that a better future is possible and for that purpose, we want more fish than plastics in our oceans.

To achieve this reality, we strongly reiterate that a more circular economy is our best shot at addressing the global problem of marine litter and microplastics. Furthermore, we are firmly convinced that in order to collaboratively tackle marine pollution, negotiations must be inspired by local, national, and regional advancements. UNEA-5.2 must also facilitate diverse States' ambitions in order to achieve a globally effective agreement. We as youth are expecting UNEA-5.2 sessions to result in concrete, bold and appropriate outcomes.

We therefore presents essential detailed points of actions to jointly undertake for all governmental and non governmental actors. To sum up these key commitments further elaborated in our full position paper, we, as young people from all parts of the globe, request the governments to improve their strategies to tackle marine litter and microplastics by:

1. Better monitoring and reporting
2. Ensuring the plastic pollution prevention and the promotion of a safe circular economy
3. Implementing sound and circular waste management strategies

We basically think that these are essential points for any political measure that wants to seriously address the problem of marine litter and microplastic for these and future generations



We highly welcome and sustain a strong and committed global treaty to combat Marine Litter and Microplastic pollution.

We thank you for the opportunity to speak, and we wish the best continuing of the work of this session.

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