

**United Nations Environment Programme**  
**Committee of Permanent Representatives**  
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**Agenda item 4(b) - Announcements of draft resolutions for UNEA-5.**

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**Australia intervention**

Australia would like to thank Rwanda and Peru, and Japan for developing draft resolutions that bring us closer to establishing an international negotiating committee at UNEA 5.2.

While we won't be making specific comments on the draft resolutions, we would like to indicate Australia's support for the establishment of an international committee to negotiate a new global agreement on marine litter and plastic pollution.

There is an urgent need for global cooperation to stem the flow of plastics into the environment.

This issue is particularly problematic for our region – the Pacific.

Australia is eager to work with other Member States to deliver a resolution with an ambition that is commensurate to the task, while ensuring the widest possible engagement.

We look forward to working with you to deliver on this ambition.