

Dear Secretariat,

Thank you for accepting this feedback on the Scenario Note a little late; I was confused by two deadlines for two different things this week, and I was mistaken when this feedback was due. I hope it can still be received.

Overall, we think the plan is a good one, assuming that all countries have reliable access to the internet in order to participate fully. We commend the Secretariat for doing everything it can to support especially developing countries of the Global South - key regions affected by marine plastic pollution and microplastics - to participate just as meaningfully as those countries from the Global North. We hope the Secretariat will do affirmative outreach to countries who have participated in any of the first three AHEG meetings to ensure they have the tools and access they need to continue participation virtually.

Two feedback notes:

We are glad to see that the Secretariat is still planning to produce a paper on the elements for discussion at the planned virtual November meeting. Reiterating our previous input, we hope that that paper will also include an element focused on response option recommendations for continued work that the Expert Group will make back to UNEA-5, as is the AHEG's mandate as defined in Resolution 3/7.

We have also reached out to Heidi to offer to organize and facilitate virtual "side events", focused on various aspects of the plastic pollution problem and responses to it - including conversations on new business models; the workers who are and will continue to be a crucial part of preventing plastic pollution; and even deeper dive discussions on the elements outlined in our policy response option submission. We are planning to do these sessions anyway, but including them in the official schedule for either the plan through September or around the virtual November meeting, our NGO team (of CIEL, EIA, GAIA, and our allies) would increase the accessibility of the information to the AHEG's participating experts.

Thank you!

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