

Virtual Preparatory Meeting AHEG 4

WWF Intervention to 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.

- Thank you Mr Chair for giving us the floor.
- We believe that this group, for several years now, has recognised the large gaps in global governance on plastic pollution. Whether it comes to reporting, scientific assessments, funding mechanisms, definitions, or global rules and standards to enable a circular economy for plastics, we are, as a global community, currently failing.
- In our [submission](#) we have mapped how a new global agreement could be designed in order to meet those gaps in global governance and complement measures at the national and regional levels.
- We don't see a new global agreement in isolation from existing frameworks. Likewise, we also see a global agreement that can take into account national contexts. And we see it as the right next step to adopt and elevate the goals and efforts from existing but insufficient regional and multistakeholder initiatives.
- We are happy to see that a clear majority of the member state submissions from all regions of the world also point towards a new binding global agreement as the preferred response option. We hope that the working documents and the outcome documents from the final meeting in November will better reflect the details of these strong suggestions for a solid global response.
- As mentioned by Norway, WWF recently launched a [report](#) together with the Boston Consulting Group and the Ellen MacArthur Foundation on the business perspective of a global treaty on plastic pollution. 30 leading global companies in the sector followed up by [calling](#) for a UN treaty on plastic pollution. What is increasingly clear, and recognised by a large number of industry leaders, is that relying on voluntary or regional frameworks will not suffice.
- We appreciate the invitation from Norway to present this report to the AHEG and speaking on behalf of our authoring partners, BCG and EMF, we are happy to provide a presentation at the November meeting of our findings.
- Thank you!