

AHEG Virtual Preparatory Meeting

Day 1 – Intervention

- Thank you for work in developing this report and taking many of our comments on board.
- We appreciate that the analysis document is final, however, looking ahead Canada has three quick points:
- First, we believe there is an important omission. Namely, the absence of voluntary international initiatives – particularly those involving both government and private sector. In particular the OPC, GPAP, and G20 MLIF, among others.
- We have raised these important initiatives on a number of occasions and would have like to see them addressed here.
- These initiatives have an important role to play and could factor in across a number of the response options enumerated in the report.
- Most obviously, strengthening and expanding these voluntary response options should be considered as an important part of Option A – Strengthening the International Framework.
- But these initiatives could also factor in elsewhere. For instance, GPAP is providing support for development of NPAPs in a number of countries. These efforts should be factored in to the discussion around Option F – National Marine Litter Action Plans.
- This brings me to our second point: It is not clear how certain approaches came to be identified as archetypes. We agree with colleague from Japan that certain identified archetypes, such as design standards or regulatory and market-based instruments may have been more appropriately considered as an element of other response options, rather than as stand alone response options.

- This brings me to our final point: While we realize that the structure of the report is an attempt to respond to the mandate set out in Res. 4/6 subpar. 7d to analyse existing and potential response options, we agree with colleague from the EU in that we think it is important to pay attention to the ways in which many of the different options can be complimentary to one another.
- We understand that the summary of response options has already been finalized, but we hope that our discussions on response options moving forward will include attention to voluntary initiatives and focus on complementarity. We would be happy to provide written comments to the chair if this would be useful.