

MALAYSIA'S WRITTEN STATEMENT FOR AHEG4
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Statement at AHEG for Agenda Item 5: Consideration of potential response options pursuant to subparagraph 10(d) of United Nations Environment Assembly resolution 3/7

II International response options

Para 15 global standards and guidelines

Malaysia agrees with the suggestion to develop/improve common definition, method, global guideline which includes labelling, management of polymers and additives as well as monitoring the state of implementation. However, the development of global standards and requirement that is applicable to all requires a thorough discussion with the industries as requirement and regulation may differs from one country to another. For example, currently in Malaysia, recycled plastic resin is not considered as halal to be used as packaging for food, while it may not be an issue in other countries.

Para 16(a): new global agreement

Not discounting the benefits from an international agreement, readiness at national and sub-national levels as a critical success factor in implementing the agreement must be taken into account and prioritised.

While we believe that a comprehensive international framework is important in addressing marine plastic and micro plastics pollution, the effectiveness of the binding and voluntary international measures need to be guided by (but not limited to) the following principles and approaches:

- precautionary principle
- polluter pays principle
- transparency and accountability
- common but differentiated responsibilities
- ecosystems-based approach
- life cycle approach
- participatory approach
- involvement of major groups

Para 17: technological response;

Para 18: economic/financial response;

Para 20: scientific, educational and informational responses;

Para 21: Establishment of a global knowledge mechanism

Para 17, 18, 20 and 21 are in line with Malaysia's response option submitted earlier and as discussed in Document 4/4.