

The UK would like to thank the Chair, the AHEG Bureau and Secretariat for preparing the Chair summary and providing multiple opportunities to feed in during the process of its development. The UK is supportive of having a Chair summary and we would like to raise the following points for consideration in its last iteration:

In considering the potential options for continued work at UNEA 5 we would like the summary to reflect the discussions during this meeting on the scale of the challenge. We would also like to see reflected in paragraph 20 that accelerating these options is likely to be the only way to meet our shared commitments under the Sustainable Development Goals. Given this, we feel that there should be more focus on the analysis of effectiveness section in the Chair summary, with more detail on the existing and potential options.

We appreciate the reference in multiple sections that response options are not mutually exclusive. We would like to reiterate our earlier intervention asking that the Chair summary reflects that some response option archetypes, if taken in isolation, are likely to fall short of the significant reduction in marine litter we have committed to under SDG14.1.

Finally, as the substantive discussion on resolutions at UNEA 5 is unlikely to take place until 2022, we would like to ask the Chair if he plans to address questions posed by AHEG members about possible plans for the intersessional period in the summary, including how the outputs of the AHEG will remain up to date given the significant global changes brought about by COVID 19. We expect this to be raised further by members during agenda item 6.