

Intervention 2.

8th Annual Subcommittee meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives

ITEM 4 (b): An in-depth dedicated consideration of draft resolutions relating to the topic of plastic pollution and marine litter

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Thank you Chair,
Dear excellencies, colleagues,

On behalf of the Environmental Investigation Agency and the Center for International Environmental Law, as members of the Break Free From Plastic movement, we would like to highlight that **the current level of detail and open mandate of the Peru-Rwanda draft resolution, which builds on previous work, will bring the necessary speed and frame to the potential negotiations.**

Indeed, the results of the AHEG process, mandated by UNEA, as well as the recent Ministerial Conference on Marine Litter and Plastic Pollution, helped to crystallize the needs and priorities of a new global agreement. In our view, the Rwanda-Peru draft resolution is the most appropriate approach for catalysing global efforts to address the plastic crisis.

Hereby we are glad to share some preliminary remarks:

Throughout the AHEG stocktaking and scientific assessment exercises, it became clear that plastic pollution is as detrimental in terrestrial and freshwater ecosystems as it is in the oceans. As such, and in recognition of the need to address all sources, fates and impacts, the Peru-Rwanda draft resolution takes a necessarily holistic view to address plastic pollution in all environmental compartments.

The Rwanda-Peru draft resolution includes sustainable production and consumption, and clearly promotes a full lifecycle approach with provisions envisioned on production (upstream), product design, including compounds, additives and harmful substances (midstream) and waste management (downstream).

It also requests the consideration of key aspects related to the institutional framework, including a dedicated financial mechanism and a scientific and socio-economic body to support implementation of the future treaty.

Finally, we strongly urge member states serious about this topic, to show support by co-sponsoring this resolution.

Thank you chair,

Andrés Del Castillo