

## **Japan's statement at the subcommittee meeting 11 November on a draft resolution on an international legal instrument on marine plastic pollution**

Japan supports the establishment of an Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee at UNEA5.2 to discuss a new global instrument. It is absolutely critical that the INC enjoys the widest possible participation, including large consuming and emitting countries of plastics. To this end, it is important to understand and respect each country's circumstances and promote diverse activities with a certain degree of flexibility.

Japan's draft resolution provides a general structure that countries could agree upon, without prejudging the substantial outcomes of the negotiation at the INC. It emphasizes the importance of the whole lifecycle approach, whereby all actions ranging from upstream to downstream would be encouraged in a balanced manner.

Following the announcement of Japan's intention to submit a draft resolution at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual subcommittee of the CPR two weeks ago, we are currently engaging in discussion with interested Parties, and are receiving inputs. Therefore, Japan's draft resolution is a living document. Japan intends to formally submit the finalized version of the draft resolution well before the suggested deadline of submissions, 20 December. That said, Japan recognizes the importance of this topic, and has therefore decided to share the latest version as a Working Paper, and we are willing to provide clarifications and answers to questions from Parties.

At the ASC, we heard a number of Parties stressing the need that the new global instrument must address not only sea-based sources, but land-based sources of marine plastic pollution as well. Japan fully agrees with those statements, noting that the majority of marine plastic pollution is coming from the land. We would like to clarify that Japan's draft resolution indeed addresses both sea-based and land-based sources.