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# Submission on Global Response Options for AHEG 4

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# First Priority for AHEG 4 & 5: Recommend Global Response Options for UNEA-5

AHEG mandate 3/7:

- To identify the range of national, regional and international response options, including actions and innovative approaches, and voluntary and legally binding governance strategies and approaches;
- To identify potential options for continued work for consideration by the United Nations Environment Assembly;





# Key global functions missing today

- An inclusive global meeting place at government level under the UN
- A comprehensive approach with coordination of efforts
- Regularity and continuity in work and long-term planning
- Mobilization of resources over time and to the right priorities
- Expert advice and technology
- Support for national policymaking and implementation of policies.





# 1. Enhance plastic waste minimization, recycling and management

- What are basic elements of an efficient plastic waste policy?
- How to develop sustainable financing models?
- How to ensure better collection of plastic waste and prevent leakage to the environment?
- How can we ensure a minimum level of ambition, comparability and effectiveness in more ambitious policies in all countries?
- How can we keep track of the sum effects of efforts at the global level?





## 2. Produce and use more sustainable plastic products

- How can we enable a transition to more sustainable products globally that supports government policies, socio-economic benefits and a level playing field for industry?
- What aspects are important? What can we do on a global level to give plastic waste a value and increase markets for recycled plastics?





### 3. Share responsibility fairly among different actors

- Business and industry must take their part of the responsibility for a more sustainable plastics economy
- What can we do on a global level to strengthen the position of governments in this regard?
- Is there a way international cooperation could assist governments in regulating what plastic products that on their markets?





## 4. More effectively deal with microplastics

- Microplastics currently not addressed in any existing international framework
- Key area of concern – a particular challenge
- Intentionally added microplastics and secondary microplastics might need different measures
- What actions are needed at the global level?





## 5. Build a global science and knowledge base

- UNEA-4 decided to strengthen the global knowledge and evidence-base to inform policy-making
- A key global function, but no mechanism in place to secure a long-term collaboration.
- What would be needed on the global level in the longer term to support evidence based policy-making?
- Annex to our submission explains more of the rationale for building an area of global science and knowledge base







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## Way forward

- Going forward Norway is of the opinion that the AHEG 4 and 5 should focus its work on the response options at the global level that are necessary to produce more effective action at all levels
- Most effective response option will be to establish a new global agreement -



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