

AHEG SHORT SUMMARY - PROPOSED DOCUMENT OUTLINE

ad hoc open-ended expert group on marine litter and microplastics

Proposed schedule

Timeline	Proposed Steps
13 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Draft outline of AHEG short summary shared with the Bureau for circulation to member states and for further consideration at the October virtual preparatory meeting.
20-22 October	Virtual Preparatory Meeting 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussion of the draft outline.
30 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Post zero draft AHEG short summary for consideration at AHEG-4.
9-13 November	AHEG4: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussion of the short summary under agenda item 6.• Attach final version to AHEG-4 Meeting Report and ED report for UNEA5.

About the summary

- To describe how the AHEG has delivered on its mandate and to inform UNEA of the range of views for its considerations of next steps for marine plastic litter and microplastics.
- Does not seek any implication beyond the result of AHEG.
- To be developed in consultation with member states, although such consultation is not meant to be a negotiation-style discussion among the member states.

Proposed outline of the short summary

A. Introduction

B. Review of the present situation

C. Potential national, regional and international response options

D. Options for future and continued work at global level

Section B. Review of the present situation

- As described in UNEA mandates 3/7 paragraph 10(d) (i) as well as 4/6 paragraph 7 (a) and (b).
- Result of exercises of the stocktaking of existing activities & actions and the inventory of technical and financial resources or mechanisms.
- Include activities noted in the submissions and their interrelationship.

Section C. Potential national, regional and international response options

- To include actions and innovative approaches, and voluntary and legally binding governance strategies and approaches (UNEA resolution 3/7 paragraph 10d (2)).
- To include analysis the effectiveness of existing and potential response options and activities (UNEA resolution 4/6 paragraph 7 (d)) in terms of maturity, feasibility, time frame and impact.

Section D. Options for future & continued work at global level

Identify potential options for continued work for consideration by UNEA (UNEA resolution 3/7 paragraph 10d (5)), based on the submissions and related documentation (including document UNEP/AHEG/4/5):

- Sharing a long-term vision and objective.
- Developing national action plans that covers all life cycle stages.
- Regional and international cooperation.
- Sharing scientific knowledge, including monitoring data & source inventories.
- Multi-stakeholder engagement.
- New global instrument that intends to accelerate above-mentioned action items, either legally binding or non-binding, and/or strengthening existing instruments.

Thank you

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