

# AHEG SHORT SUMMARY - PROPOSED DOCUMENT OUTLINE

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

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# Proposed schedule

Timeline	Proposed Steps
13 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 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.</li></ul>
20-22 October	<b>Virtual Preparatory Meeting 2:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discussion of the draft outline.</li></ul>
30 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Post zero draft AHEG short summary for consideration at AHEG-4.</li></ul>
9-13 November	<b>AHEG4:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discussion of the short summary under agenda item 6.</li><li>• Attach final version to AHEG-4 Meeting Report and ED report for UNEA5.</li></ul>

# About the summary

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- 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

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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

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- 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

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- 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

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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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