

Submission from the Major Group for Children and Youth to UNEP toward

4th Meeting of the Ad hoc open-ended expert group on marine litter and microplastics

- Intervention for Agenda Item 6 -

Thank you Chair, we would like to thank the Secretariat for this opportunity to participate in the AHEG and we welcome the work of the expert group.

The Major Group for Children and Youth appreciates the efforts on providing a revised summary from the chair in order to include in a neutral and expert way the different inputs coming into last discussions. Diversity of views expressed during these five days must indeed be reflected in the final summary, which must therefore capture the undeniable call for a binding global agreement voiced by many delegations and members of the civil society. We support all the efforts going toward the negotiations for a better global management of the plastic and microplastic and marine litter in the direction of a global agreement.

We kindly recall to consider at each stage of the process the role of education, community engagement, youth engagement, prevention, monitoring , as just identified by several distinguished delegates and pointed in our position paper.

We further kindly suggest to give valuable importance also on the topic of microplastics and consider them with particular attention and its due distinction from plastic problems themselves.

We want to conclude to express the high appreciation to the substantive discussion we heard these days and to the work of the chair, secretariat and interpreters.

We finally thank for the opportunity to participate.

Thanks

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