

**Ministerial Conference on Marine Litter and Plastic Pollution,  
2nd September 2021 (Day 2)**

**WRITTEN STATEMENT FROM GOVERNMENT OF MALAYSIA**

**Item 5: High Level Dialogue**

Malaysia agrees to the common view that there is a need to take urgent actions to address marine plastic pollution. However, guiding our way forward, balanced discussions with multifaceted interventions must be in placed within the whole context of UNEA5.2. This includes not only exploring a new legally binding global framework but also options that augment existing frameworks. On this note, we strongly urge for all member states to provide balance perspective of the overall discussion, and to also question ourselves, have we done enough to find solutions in reducing gaps identified within the framework or rather find solution to strengthen the existing framework?

**Malaysia is always consistent since AHEG that under the name of objectivity and inclusivity, we aspire for:**

- A pragmatic discussion with multifaceted intervention and options including those that augment existing initiatives/actions/frameworks to guide the decision of UNEA5.2
- A Clear mandate in move forward **MUST** be explicitly guided by common but differentiated responsibilities, acknowledging country uniqueness, limitation, prioritization as well as current initiatives that are already in place; and
- The framework discussed and adopted at UNEA5.2 should give a special focus in providing adequate means of implementation to enable meaningful implementation of the global framework at national and sub-national level and this **MUST** include component of infrastructure assistance along side with policy, financial as well as technical support.

On the adoption of draft Ministerial Statement, a part from concerns raised yesterday, Malaysia is also of the view that clear information regarding country readiness and understanding the actual elements and commitments required are critical before we can agree to the proposed new global instrument as any new instrument requires huge resource mobilisation. In conclusion, we would also like to highlight the need for national due processes to take place prior to endorsement process. This will give the opportunity for country to engage national stakeholders accordingly.

Thank you.