



MALAYSIA'S STATEMENT ON THE 21/11/2019: STOCK TAKING TIMELINE PROPOSAL

Thank you Madam Chair

- Would members be able to view the list of countries that have participated in the survey once it is launched during its operations in the 6-8 weeks period?
- Would comments from the Pilot Phase implementation affect the launch of the Survey in January?
- Malaysia is receiving huge amount of unregulated plastic wastes which are mostly contaminated or mixed plastics from other parts of the world and to ensure the plastic waste issue is dealt with swiftly, we have stepped up our domestic enforcement.
- Having said that, recognising the gravity of plastic pollution and its impact on our marine life, the stock taking exercise as stipulated under UNEA.Res.6,7(a) needs to cover the larger spectrum of the value chain of marine litter, which should include the transboundary movement of plastic wastes. Noting that 85% of cargos seized in

Malaysia are from certain developed countries, this criteria for the survey is deemed critical.

- Therefore, we would like to request for the stock taking exercise to also include the movement of such cargos from developed countries.
- The fight against plastic pollution and marine litter requires strong collaboration and cooperation from all the countries. Malaysia stands ready to contribute towards international cooperation within the context of relevant mechanisms such as the stock taking survey exercise.