

Norwegian statement on the stocktaking and effectiveness activities

Thank you for this presentation and this is no easy task before us.

Together with the exercise on effectiveness, the overall goal of the stocktaking analysis is to obtain an overview of the current ongoing activities and their potential effectiveness, identify gaps and analyse in what way the current activities contribute to our overall goal of eliminating all discharge of plastics litter to the ocean.

Norway suggests that the experts are asked to develop a proposal for a permanent mechanism on stocktake that may take place at regular intervals, where it will be housed, financed etc. The same point therefore applies to the analysis of effectiveness.

The analysis of effectiveness must be designed so that we are able to assess the total effects of actions taken by governments and others, globally. The aim must be to perform both a stocktake on the collective efforts made, and the sum effects they may produce and total progress towards the global goal to eliminate all discharges of plastic litter and microplastics to the oceans.

The assessment should also be designed to address gaps in response options and needs for strengthening future action in order to fulfil our common environmental goals and targets. How will it be useful for governments to provide us with the information needed as to whether we are hitting the target.

We look forward to discussing this in more detail in the breakout groups later today and tomorrow.