

Position Paper

All Member States are invited to submit a concise position paper. The submissions may include the following elements:

1. Name of your organization

Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic

2. Your view on major barriers to combatting marine litter and microplastics

Major barriers to combatting marine litter and microplastics are:

- **insufficient legislation on plastics and plastic products at national level,**
- **single-use plastics,**
- **insufficient capacity of recycling facilities for individual plastics from a chemicals perspective,**
- **international cooperation of countries affected by mutual sanctions.**

3. Your view on potential national, regional and international response options and associated environmental, social and economic costs

All countries and other stakeholders should be involved in addressed this issue, endeavoring to reduce the unnecessary use of plastic, take responsibility and considering the relevant the environmental, social and economic and geographical circumstances.

4. Your view on the feasibility and effectiveness of different response options

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5. Any other inputs

In the context of plastics, it is important to focus on:

- **increase the awareness of the potential impact of plastics, its chemical composition and the impact on human health and the environment,**
- **eliminate single-use plastics,**
- **increase amount of "sustainable" plastics in terms of their lifecycle in context of circular economy.**