

Statement by Japan

Ad hoc open-ended working group (OEWG) to prepare for the intergovernmental negotiating committee on plastic pollution

Agenda item 4(b): Draft rules of procedure for the intergovernmental negotiating committee;

Japan welcomes and embraces the draft rules of procedures that is a reflection of lengthy discussions and the spirit of compromise. While the Minamata documents have served as our guidance, we believe in negotiating based on substantial discussions relevant to the context of tackling plastic pollution. In the course of the negotiations, Japan made a proposal of co-chair that was supported by many countries, and we express our sincere gratitude to those countries for their support. Japan is committed to further contributing to the INC process.