

Thank you, madam chair. I would like to thank UNEP for having prepared this document. Switzerland's view is that the focus should be on the response options that target prevention and mitigation.

Given the extended list of response options, the international community has to put their efforts into tangible response options that lead to the **highest impact** when reducing marine plastic pollution.

Switzerland judges the option of maintaining the **status quo as not sufficient**. The situation with marine litter and microplastics needs effective response options that are part of an international structure dedicated to the issue. That structure must take into account existing international instruments and avoid duplication. It can include **voluntary and legally binding measures**. The measures shall concern governments and other stakeholders, including the private sector and consumers.

Also, some options can be started within a short period of time. The benefit of taking action in the interim is that we gain experiences that support the development of an overarching dedicated structure. Thank you, Madam Chair.