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**First Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open Ended
Expert Group established under UNEP/EA.3/Res.7
Marine Litter and Microplastics
Nairobi, 29-31 May 2018
Item 2 of the provisional agenda*
Organization of work**

Annotated provisional agenda

Item 1

Opening of the meeting

1. The First Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open Ended Expert Group established by the United Nations Environment Assembly through its resolution UNEP/EA.3/Res.7 will be opened at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 29 May 2018. Given the resource limitations, the meeting documents will be prepared only in English. However, interpretation to all UN official languages will be provided during the meeting.

Item 2

Organization of the meeting

(a) Election of officers

2. Pursuant to the Rules of Procedure of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme, that are applicable, as appropriate to this meeting, Member States will be invited to elect two co-chairs and a Rapporteur for the Ad Hoc Open Ended Expert Group.

(b) Adoption of the agenda

3. The co-chairs will draw the attention of the Ad Hoc Open Ended Expert Group to the provisional agenda (UNEP/AHEG/2018/1/1/) and propose its adoption.

(c) Organization of work

4. The co-chairs will invite the Secretariat to brief the meeting participants on the logistical arrangements of the meeting. It is suggested that the meeting be conducted in plenary.

* UNEP/ AHEG/2018/1/1

Item 3

Introduction of the discussion papers

5. The co-chairs will invite the Secretariat to introduce the working and information documents submitted to the meeting to facilitate the deliberation of the Ad Hoc Open Ended Expert Group.

Item 4

Barriers to combating marine litter and microplastics, including challenges related to resources in developing countries

6. The Ad Hoc Open Ended Expert Group is expected to explore all barriers to combating marine litter and microplastics, including challenges related to resources in developing countries (UNEP/EA.3/Res.7 operative paragraph 10 (d) (i)) in consideration of the discussion paper (AHEG/2018/1/2) as well as relevant resolutions, decisions and reports. The co-chairs will invite Member States and observers to present their views.

Item 5

National, regional, and international response options, including action and innovative approaches, and voluntary and legally binding governance strategies and approaches

7. Under this item, the Ad Hoc Open Ended Expert Group is expected to focus on the identification of the range of national, regional and international response options, including actions and innovative approaches, and voluntary and legally binding governance strategies and approaches in consideration of the discussion paper (AHEG/2018/1/3) as well as relevant resolutions, decisions and reports. The co-chairs will invite Member States and observers to present their views.

Item 6

Environmental, social and economic costs and benefits of different response options

8. The Ad Hoc Open Ended Expert Group is expected to consider environmental, social and economic costs and benefits of different response options as discussed under Item 5 in consideration of the discussion paper (AHEG/2018/1/4) as well as relevant resolutions, decisions and reports. The co-chairs will invite Member States and observers to present their views.

Item 7

Feasibility and effectiveness of different response options

9. Under this item, the Ad Hoc Open Ended Expert Group will consider feasibility and effectiveness of different response options building upon the discussions under Item 5 and Item 6. The Group will be invited to consider the discussion paper (AHEG/2018/1/5) as well as relevant resolutions, decisions and reports. The co-chairs will invite Member States and observers to present their views.

Item 8

Outline of the paper on potential options for continued work for consideration by the United Nations Environment Assembly

10. The Ad Hoc Open Ended Expert Group is expected to discuss elements of a paper on potential options for continued work. Pursuant to operative paragraph 10 (d)(v) of UNEP/EA.3/Res.7, the Group is expected to identify potential options for continued work for consideration by the United Nations Environment Assembly.

Item 9**Other matters**

11. The Ad Hoc Open Ended Expert Group may wish to consider any other matters related to its work.

Item 10**Adoption of the report**

12. The Co-Chairs will present a summary to the Plenary. The Ad Hoc Open Ended Expert Group may wish to consider and adopt the summary as part of the meeting report with the understanding that the proceedings of the meeting will be reflected in the final report to be cleared by the Rapporteur of the Ad Hoc Open Ended Expert Group after its conclusion.

Item 11**Closure of the session**

13. The First Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open Ended Expert Group is expected to conclude its work by 6 p.m. on Thursday, 31 May 2018.
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