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**Ad hoc open-ended expert group
on marine litter and microplastics
First meeting**

Nairobi, 29–31 May 2018

Item 2 (b) of the provisional agenda*

Organizational matters: 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 of the United Nations Environment Programme at its third session¹ 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 into all official languages of the United Nations will be provided during the meeting.

Item 2

Organizational matters

(a) Adoption of the agenda

1. 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.

(b) Organization of work

1. The Co-Chairs will invite the secretariat to brief participants on the logistical arrangements for the meeting. It is suggested that the meeting be conducted in plenary.

(c) Election of officers

2. Pursuant to the rules of procedure of the United Nations Environment Assembly that are applicable, as appropriate, to the meeting, member States will be invited to elect two Co-Chairs and a rapporteur for the meeting.

* UNEP/AHEG/2018/1/1.

¹ UNEP/EA.3/Res.7.

Item 3

Introduction of discussion papers

3. 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

4. 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, 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

5. The ad hoc open-ended expert group is expected to focus on the identification of a 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

6. The ad hoc open-ended expert group is expected to consider environmental, social and economic costs and benefits of the 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

7. The ad hoc open-ended expert group will consider the feasibility and effectiveness of different response options, building on the discussions under items 5 and 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

Options for continued work

8. The ad hoc open-ended expert group is expected to discuss elements of a paper on potential options for continued work. Pursuant to 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

9. The ad hoc open-ended expert group may wish to consider any other matters related to its work.

Item 10**Adoption of the report**

10. 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 group after the conclusion of the meeting.

Item 11**Closure of the meeting**

11. 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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