

### **World Health Organization (WHO) statement**

WHO is pleased to participate at the Second Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Expert Group on Marine Litter and Microplastics.

The World Health Organization is a specialized agency of the United Nations that directs and coordinates work on international public health. While we traditionally work with Ministries of Health, we also work with other Ministries including Ministries of Environment and Ministries of Water.

Earlier this year, WHO initiated an evidence review on microplastics in drinking-water, evaluating the information on concentrations in drinking-water and drinking-water sources, health effects and management options.

Next year, we plan to initiate a wider review on microplastics and human health, covering additional environmental exposure pathways including air and food.

We will provide further details on our work as part of the technical session tomorrow morning which is from 9-10.