

## **First Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open Ended Expert Group on Marine Litter and Micro-plastics**

### **Business and Industry major group intervention regarding UNEP Discussion Paper on feasibility and effectiveness of different response options**

- As mentioned previously by a number of member states we do not think that we should limit ourselves to the options outlined in the assessment. With that said we would like to offer a few thoughts regarding feasibility.
- We agree that we need a better understanding where the gaps are and what the challenges are and agree that a workshop format that allows for a more in depth discussion regarding the issues would be useful and welcomed.
- We agree that it would be difficult to accurately ascertain the effectiveness of the range of options until we have a better understanding for the gaps and challenges.
- We also want to underscore the value of strengthening the implementation of existing instruments. We see this as something that should be feasible and would contribute meaningfully to our objectives.