

Format of the Position Paper

All Member States are invited to submit a concise position paper. The submissions may include the following elements:

1. Name of your organization:

- Ministry Of Land, Environment and Rural Development
- National Directorate Of Environment/Environmental Management Department
- Head of the Coastal and Marine Environment Management Unit, in charge of the main Environmental Conventions ratified by the country

2. Your view on major barriers to combating marine litter and microplastics

- At national level, Mozambique has adopted the law that bans the microplastics. This includes, production and/or importation, commercial and use of the microplastics **with thickness of 30 micrometers (Act n° 16/2016, of 5th August).**
- However, the major barriers to combating marine litter is the lack of international legal or technical framework to address marine litter and plastics/microplastics generating non engagement of the Countries.

3. Your view on potential national, regional and international response options and associated environmental, social and economic costs

- UN States members should be convened between themselves and responsible of the dumping plastics wastes into the open seas through the rivers for example;
- The responsibility of the producers must be extended to help the countries on collecting the plastics wastes;
- Promotion of the technologies on collecting plastics wastes at seas; and
- To reinforce the current Act adopted, in order to ban all kind of plastics as target.

4. Your view on the feasibility and effectiveness of different response options

- Strong collaboration between the countries and support from the partners
- Capacity building on collecting, recycling of the plastics

5. Any other inputs

- Elaborate the regional or international convention or protocol addressing to marine litter and microplastics;
- Insert the marine litter and microplastics into the convention annex of the UN regional seas;
- **At the national level, to adopt the international or protocol addressing to marine litter and microplastics.**