

## Format of the Position Paper

All accredited Major Groups and Stakeholders are invited to submit a concise position paper. The submissions may include the following elements:

1. Name of your organization : Tebtebba: Indigenous Peoples International Centre for Policy Research and Advocacy

2. Your views on major barriers to combatting marine litter and micro-plastics

The norm at present is the use of plastics for wrappers, containers, packaging materials for almost all kinds of products. These include food-processed and unprocessed, junk food; manufactured drinks, juices water, materials for hygiene, household cleaning materials, cosmetics, hospital materials, etc. There was a time when bottles were used for drinks and people have to bring in their bottles, else they will pay additional amount. But bottles [including dextrose] gave way to plastics and canning gave way to plastics and there are increasing products contained in plastics and still increasing.

Also disposable plastics is still widely used as bags when one is going to market or to the groceries

While this is the norm, there is no affective way of disposing/degrading plastics for these to be absorb again in the environment .

Seemingly, manufacturing, use and disposal of plastics is unregulated in a sense that they end up in the seas and ocean

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

3.1 Where feasible, no use of plastics should be imposed. Like plastics bags to put in what to buy in the market and groceries are banned and is very doable which encourage people to use re-usable bags -. Local to national

3.2 To farm out research endeavor for alternative biodgerable packaging materials . if these are already done, production . and use of biodegradable packaging materials should be mandated for all concerned, i.e. manufacturers, end users. Re-usable containers/packaging materials should be promoted . Like, changing plastics as container for drinks should be replaced by bottles. Bottles if broken can now be grinded and mixed with cement. –

3.3 There was time when there were no plastics or Styrofoam. Like in my home town, about forty years ago, people use banana stems and bamboo cups and coconut shells as bowls even during ceremonies where many people gather to eat together but now plastics and styro foams are being used. There is a need to create awareness on the problems related to plastic litters that will move people into action to revive their resource efficiency culture or to do their own solution, to such a problem.

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

all are feasible given the proper support

5. Any other inputs

Member states are being required to report on their achievement or their actions on identified solutions to identified issues/problems. On the one hand, Stakeholders Forum, more often highlights problems and good practices are also highlighted in side events. More often there is not much discussion on upscaling good practices where appropriate and feasible and dialogue with states on how to address problems except if individuals concern initiate their own dialogues