

Sketch of a New Global Architecture for combatting marine plastic litter and microplastics, based on Option 2 and 3 in UNEP:s assessment

Co-ordinating Body, e.g. UNEP		
Pillar 1	Pillar 2	Pillar 3
Regional Seas Conventions in strengthened cooperation	Prevention of plastics pollution	The Basel Convention
<p>Peer review and sharing of experiences</p> <p>Develop and harmonize action plans on marine litter and microplastics, incl., inter alia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Recollection, reuse, recycling of plastics packaging; ✓ Beach clean-ups ✓ Consumer awareness raising ✓ Minimum standards for waste water and storm water treatment [in larger cities] ✓ Targeted action on releases of microplastics <p>Harmonized monitoring, reporting and evaluation</p> <p>Peer review and sharing of experiences</p>	<p>A. Platform for knowledge sharing, co-operation, recommendations by plastic manufacturers, producers of packaging and consumer goods, food industry, food retailers, authorities, NGOs., e.g.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluation of plastic packaging recyclability and fitness for circular economy; • Development of standards for identification and labelling; certification schemes, etc.; • Co-operation in innovation, e.g. co-ordination of large scale pilots and demonstration projects; • Business-to-business applications <p>B. Forum for voluntary and coordinated commitments by member states, e.g.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase-out of additives of concern; • Phase-out of single-use plastics and small packaging, incl. dematerialization; • Phase-out of non-circular plastics in packaging; • Phase-out of microplastics in products; • Guidelines on labelling; • Definitions of and potential regulation of “degradable” plastics; • Targets for recollection, reuse, recycling; <p>Requirements/incentives for Port reception facilities and Fishing gear</p>	<p>Amendment of the annex to comprehensively address plastic waste as a “waste of concern”, influencing, inter alia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The right to prohibit import & export; ✓ Minimum generation of waste; ✓ Minimum transboundary movement; ✓ Packaging, labelling, transport requirements; ✓ Environmentally sound management