

Marine litter and microplastic is spread out from human activities and economic growth of each country, that created waste or poison waste that has been harmful into the coastal or marine environment, and it also can harm marine and coastal ecosystems, wildlife, and human's livelihoods activities.

In Cambodia, most of coastal people are depending on coastal and marine resources for their daily livelihoods. After the civil war had finished, the peace in the country has been bringing the economic growing through multi sectors. So the increasing economic has pressure to the environment, especially at coastal area that has many activities such as: development of city, transportation, Industry, agriculture, marine aquaculture, tourism, and other activities....

Based on these issues above, the Ministry of Environment of Cambodia has issued a number of laws and regulations to combat the causes of pollution by encourage relevant government's institutions, private sectors, environmental groups, and local community to consideration and take action, especially the pollution by plastic and micro plastic. Furthermore, the Ministry of Environment of Cambodia is always to involve with the regional and global committee to combat on environmental pollution both land and marine areas.

The Declaration of the Global Plastics Associations for Solutions on Marine Litter represented a public commitment by a global industry to tackle a global problem: plastic litter in the coastal or marine *environment*, Cambodia is recognizing that plastic waste in the environment need to coordinate and participate with all stakeholders within fighting on marine litter and micro plastic.

On behalf The Ministry of Environment of Cambodia, I would like to thanks the UN-Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme for inviting the delegate from Cambodia to join the first meeting of the ad hoc open ended expert group to learn and discuss on initiative ideas on the combat of marine litter and micro plastics, and Cambodia is ready to take part in all activities with the regional and global action in the maintenance of the environment both on land and sea.