



AHOEEG on Marine Litter and Micro-plastics 2018

Item Item 4 - Barriers to combating marine litter and microplastics, including challenges related to resources in developing countries

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Thank you, co-chair,

I represent the NGO group, IPEN, a global network of public interest organizations working for a toxics-free future in more than 100 countries and speak on behalf of all major groups except Business and industry and local authorities.

We note that in addition to the barriers already listed by previous speakers: Externalization of the real human and environmental health costs to governments and society at large is lacking and represents a major financial barrier to address the issue. As mentioned in UNEA3 resolution extended producer responsibilities schemes are one way to address this issue.

We also would like to note the rise in investment in false solutions (e.g. plastic-to-fuel, chemical recycling) represents a major financial barrier undermining safe and sustainable full life cycle management of plastics.