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Plastic materials deliver significant societal benefits, including energy and resource savings, consumer protection and innovations that improve health care, reduce food spoilage and improve quality of life. For society to receive the benefits that plastics can provide, it is essential to properly recover them so that litter does not threaten our natural environment, including marine ecosystems.

Investigations by marine scientists are highlighting the extent to which littered plastic and other materials are ending up as debris in our oceans and the consequences for the marine environment. The organisations below are firmly committed to the principle that plastics do not belong in the world's oceans

and should not be littered – plastics should be responsibly used, reused, recycled and finally recovered for their energy value.

Plastic is present as debris in the marine environment as a result of poor or insufficient waste management, lack of sufficient recycling / recovery and bad practices such as land and marine litter. These are large and complex issues with societal and economic challenges, and are more than any single entity, industry, or government can solve. Building on work in individual regions, the undersigned organisations are coming together to work with governments, NGOs, researchers and other stakeholders to prevent marine litter.

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## WE WILL:

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1. Contribute to solutions by working in public-private partnerships aimed at preventing marine debris
2. Work with the scientific community and researchers to better understand and evaluate the scope, origins and impact of and solutions to marine litter
3. Promote comprehensive science-based policies and enforcement of existing laws to prevent marine litter
4. Help spread knowledge regarding eco-efficient waste management systems and practices, particularly in communities and countries that border our oceans and watersheds
5. Enhance opportunities to recover plastic products for recycling and energy recovery
6. Steward the transport and distribution of plastic resin pellets and products from supplier to customer to prevent product loss and encourage our customers to do the same

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Success in these efforts will require sustained, good faith cooperation among a wide range of stakeholders. We will do our part and invite other organisations to join us.

For more information on specific regional efforts to prevent marine litter see:

<https://www.marinelittersolutions.com/projects/>

# List of the Associations

ACC, American Chemistry Council, Washington, USA

AICM, Association of International Chemical Manufacturers, Beijing, China

AIPMA, All India Plastics Manufacturers Association, Mumbai, India

ANAIP, Spanish Association of Plastics Industry, Madrid, Spain

ANAPE, Asociación Nacional de Poliestireno Expandido, Madrid, Spain

ANDIMAT, Asociación Nacional de Fabricantes de Materiales Aislantes, Madrid, Spain

ANIPAC, Asociación Nacional de Industrias del Plástico, Asociación Civil, Mexico

APIP, Associação Portuguesa da Industria de Plasticos, Lisbon, Portugal

ASECONP, Asociación Española de Fabricantes de Contenedores Plásticos para Residuos Urbanos, Madrid, Spain

ASEMUPLAST, Asociación de Empresarios del Sector Plástico de la Región de Murcia , Spain

ASEPUR, Asociación Española de Empresas de Poliuretanos, Madrid, Spain

AseTUB, Asociación Española de Fabricantes de Tubos y Accesorios Plásticos, Madrid, Spain

ASOVEN, Asociación Ventanas PVC, Madrid, Spain

ASPA PLAST, Romanian Plastics Processor Employers' Association, Bucharest, Romania

Association of Hellenic Plastic Industries, Athens, Greece

BAP, Bulgarian Association Polymers, Sofia, Bulgaria

BPF, British Plastics Federation, London, United Kingdom

BPGMEA, Bangladesh Plastic Goods Manufacturers & Exporters Association, Dhaka, Bangladesh

CEP, Centro Español de Plásticos, Madrid, Spain

Cicloplast, Madrid, Spain,

CIRFS: European Man-made Fibres Association, Brussels, Belgium

CPA, Comité des Plastiques pour l'Agriculture, Paris, France

CPIA, Canadian Plastics Industry Association, Ontario, Canada

ECOPLAS Argentina SA, Buenos Aires, Argentina

ELIPSO, Les entreprises de l'emballage plastique et souple, Paris, France

EPS Industry Alliance, Crofton, United States

Essencia, Belgian Federation for Chemistry and Life Sciences Industries, Brussels, Belgium

EuPC, European Plastics Converter Association, Brussels, Belgium

EuPR, European Plastics Recyclers, Brussels, Belgium

EUROMAP, European Plastics and Rubber Machinery, Frankfurt, Germany

FAMA, Asociación de Fabricantes de Artículos Monouso Reciclables, Madrid, Spain

Federation de La Plasturgie, French Association of Plastic Converters, Paris, France

Federation of Thai Industries, Nonthaburi, Thailand

Federplast, Belgian Association of Plastics Producers and Rubber Products, Brussels, Belgium

Fetraplast, Federación Española de Transformadores y Manipuladores de Plásticos, Madrid, Spain

GPMA, Ghana Plastic Manufacturers' Association, Accra-North, Ghana

GPCA, Gulf Petrochemicals & Chemicals Association, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

HGK, Croatian Chamber of Economy, Zagreb, Croatia

IK Industrievereinigung Kunststoffverpackungen e.V, Bad Homburg V.D.H, Germany

IPI, Indian Plastics Institute, Mumbai, India

JPIF, Japan Plastics Industry Federation, Tokyo, Japan

KPIA, Korea Petrochemical Industry Association, Seoul, Korea

KVS, Kunststoff Verband Schweiz, Aarau, Switzerland

MMSZ, Association of Hungarian Plastics Industry, Budapest, Hungary

MPIA, Myanmar Plastic Industries Association, Yangon, Myanmar

MPMA, Malaysian Plastics Manufacturers Association, Selangor, Malaysia

Muoviteollisuus ry, Finnish Plastics Industries Federation, Helsinki, Finland

NRK, Dutch Rubber & Plastics Federation, Leidschendam, the Netherlands

PACIA, Plastics and Chemical Industry Association, Melbourne, Australia

PAFA, Packing and Film Association, Nottingham, United Kingdom

PAGEV, Türk Plastik Sanayicileri Arastirma, Gelistirme ve Egitim Vakfi, Istanbul, Turkey

PlasticsEurope, European Association of Plastics Manufacturers, Headquartered in Brussels, Belgium with regional centers in Frankfurt Germany, London United Kingdom, Madrid Spain, Milano Italy and Paris France

P&K, Plast och Kemiforetagen, Stockholm, Sweden

Plastics Federation of South Africa, Gauteng, South Africa

Plastics New Zealand, Auckland, New Zealand

Plastindustrien, the Danish Plastics Federation, Copenhagen, Denmark

Plastivida, Instituto Sócio-Ambiental dos Plásticos, Sao Paulo, Brazil

PPIA, Philippine Plastics Industry Association, Caloocan City, Philippines

SPI, Society of the Plastics Industry, Washington, United States

SPPCR, Association of Plastics Industry of the Czech Republic, Prague, Czech Republic

VPA, Vietnam Plastics Association, Ben Nghe Ward, Vietnam

WVK, Wirtschaftsvereinigung Kunststoff, Bad Homburg, Germany