

Joint Declaration of Intent
regarding the
cooperation in the field of prevention of marine litter

between

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
of the Republic of India

and

The Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature
Conservation and Nuclear Safety
of the Federal Republic of Germany

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) of the Republic of India and the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety of the Federal Republic of Germany (BMU) (hereinafter referred to as "the sides") welcome the progress achieved in the last 60 years of Indo-German cooperation on environmental issues.

The sides are convinced that this cooperation is of mutual benefit and needs to be further strengthened in the future. They acknowledge the good opportunities created by the Indo German Working Group on Waste and Circular Economy, in particular to further intensify the cooperation and exchange of experiences between both countries.

The sides stress the importance of the 2030 Agenda and the G20 Action Plan on Marine Litter as a common basis to achieve substantial progress in the fields of environment and sustainable development. They recognize the 2030 Agenda - including its Sustainable Development Goals in this case especially 8, 11, 12 and 14 - adopted by Heads of State and Government at the United Nations Summit on Sustainable Development on September 24, 2015 in New York as a landmark for the global transformation to sustainable economies and lifestyles, and state once more their willingness to work towards an ambitious, comprehensive and effective implementation of the aforementioned agreement and their commitment to serve as global leaders in this regard.

The sides express their intent

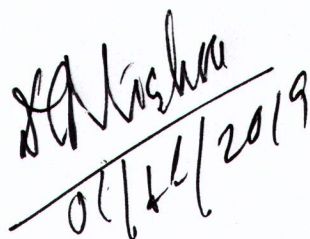
- to continue and intensify the Indo-German Environment Cooperation in order to support the effective and efficient implementation of ambitious objectives and policies in order to prevent litter, especially plastics, entering the marine environment as set in SDG target 14.1, to contribute to the goals of the G20 Action Plan on Marine Litter and to facilitate the exchange of experiences and capacity building in the relevant fields of interest;

- to especially focus on the implementation of SDG target 8.2 (technological upgrading and innovation), 11.6 (municipal and other waste management) and 12.5 (recycling and reduction of waste) and therefore establish tangible cooperation in these areas. In order to prevent plastic entering the marine environment and to minimize land filling underlying projects will be designed to include enhancing plastic and other non-biodegradable waste management through technological and digital solutions (e.g. source segregation, collection and processing); demonstration of waste facilities and development of standard operation procedures; cooperation with bulk-recyclers and producers; capacity building on professional and academic level in those fields;
- to intensify the bilateral cooperation to integrate the approach into a sustainable national, state and regional framework in order to use the expertise of all sides to implement the 2030 Agenda.

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Signed in New Delhi on November 1st, 2019.

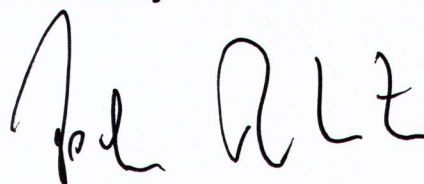
**For the Ministry of Housing and
Urban Affairs of the Republic of
India**



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**Durga Shanker Mishra
Secretary**

**For the Federal Ministry for the
Environment, Nature Conservation and
Nuclear Safety of the Federal Republic
of Germany**



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**Jochen Flasbarth
State Secretary**