

## BREAK FREE FROM PLASTIC

### EXAMPLE

A network of 90 non-governmental organizations has proposed a groundbreaking global vision for a future free of plastic waste. The goal, as envisioned by organizations such as Zero Waste Europe, Friends of the Earth, Health and Environment Alliance, and ChemTrust, is spelled forth in ten principles, all of which aim toward a future free of plastic pollution.

Scientists anticipate that by 2050, there will be more plastic in the water than fish, endangering marine biodiversity and posing a significant risk to human health.

Despite this, the project represents the first worldwide step in changing society's perspective and use of plastics. The ten principles outlined by the NGOs are as follows:

1. Our lifestyles and economy fit within the environmental limits of the planet.
2. Waste is reduced, first and foremost.
3. The life cycle of the materials and products we use – from extraction and production, to end use, recycling, composting, and disposal – sustain the health of the people and the planet.
4. Strong community action and partnerships among citizens, workers, government sector experts, and supportive business leaders guide decisions about the present and future material design, manufacturing, and waste management.
5. Waste pickers and recycling workers are supported to improve the systems they operate in and can co-lead a just transition to a new and safe materials economy.
6. Producers take responsibility for the full life cycle costs and impacts of their products and packaging, and are redesigning and innovating better materials and systems.
7. Where plastic products and packages are necessary, they are re-used, repaired, or, failing that, recycled; and toxic substances are eliminated from their production.
8. No new incinerators are constructed, and renewable energy incentives are eliminated for plastics and waste burning. This includes gasification, pyrolysis, cement kilns, and other burn “waste-to-energy” facilities.
9. Organic waste returns to the soils and zero waste systems reduce reliance on landfills and incinerators.
10. The systems we build and materials we use slow climate change, rather than accelerate it.

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