



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Excellencies,

In recognition of World Environment Day, it is my sincere pleasure to invite you to the opening of 'Planet or Plastic?', a photo-exhibition at the UN General Assembly, on 4 June 2019. The photo-exhibition and reception will take place at the Visitor's Centre in the 'Sputnik' area, from 6 to 8 p.m.

This exhibit, a partnership between the Office of the President of the General Assembly and National Geographic, will feature more than 80 profound and inspiring images that, together, will tell the story of the global crisis of marine plastics.

From the clear utility and necessity of plastics in everything from medical research to the International Space Station, to the magnitude and impact of plastic waste on our oceans, our biodiversity, and ourselves, this exhibit, fully curated with world-class imagery from National Geographic, will be a centerpiece in our 'Play it Out' Campaign on plastic pollution.

Along with National Geographic, the exhibit is supported by the Government of Monaco. The wider 'Play it Out' campaign on plastic pollution is also supported by the Governments of Antigua and Barbuda, and Norway, as well as UN Environment, UNOPS, the Krim Group (TKG), and civil society group Lonely Whale.

National Geographic's '*Planet or Plastic?*' initiative aims to significantly reduce the amount of single-use plastic that reaches the ocean by raising awareness, elevating science and education, advancing innovation and inspiring action.

For any questions, please contact my Campaign Adviser, Mr. Carl Mercer, at [carl.mercer@un.org](mailto:carl.mercer@un.org). A more detailed invite and RSVP will be forthcoming closer to the date.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

  
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