Governance on marine plastic litter and microplastics

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Local problem? Global problem?

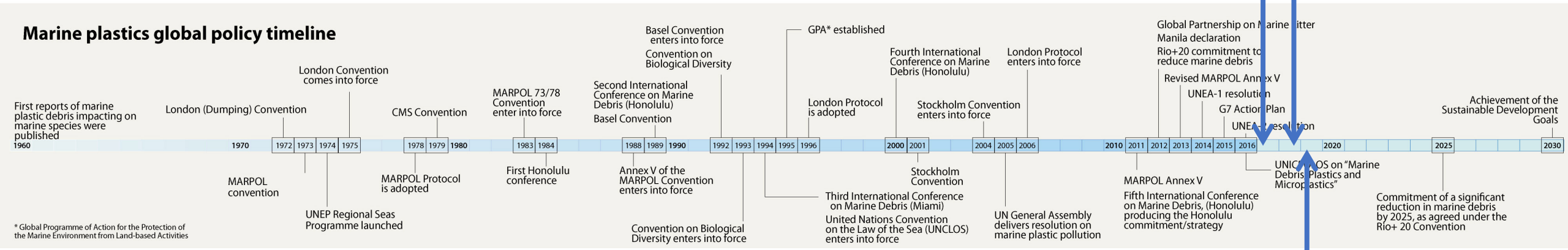
Local solution? Global solution?

- ✓ ***Global policy*** *enables countries to work together to address vital environmental issues that are transboundary or global in nature*
- ✓ ***National/regional action plan*** *enables countries to implement actions to address environmental issues at the national/regional levels*

- Ad hoc expert group meetings 29-31 May and 3-7 Dec 2018

- Basel OEWG-11, 3-6 Sep 2018

- UNEA-3, 4-6 Dec2017



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- UNEA-4, 11-15 March 2019

- SAICM OEWG, 1-5 April 2019

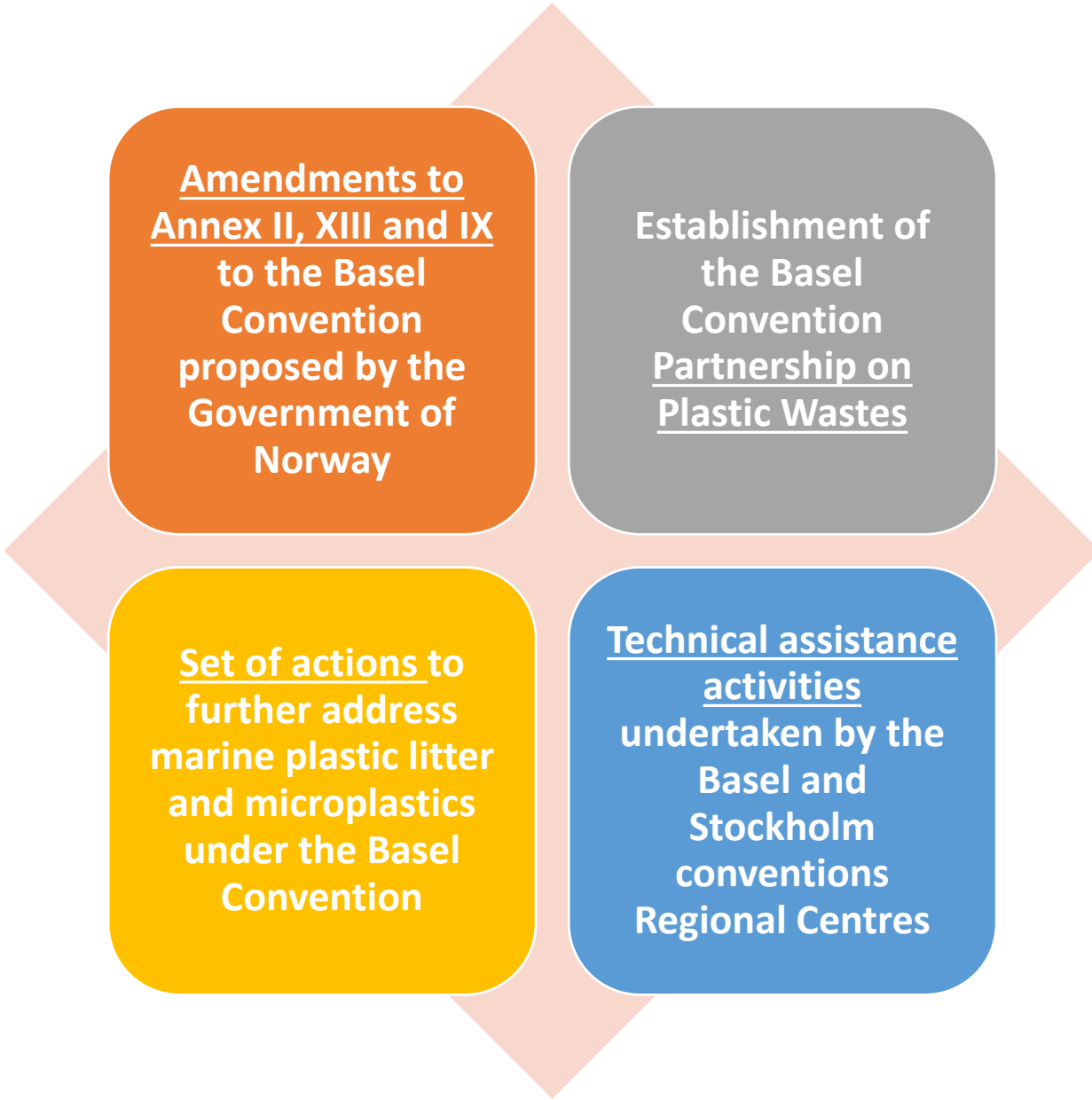
- 2019 BRS COPs, 29 April-10 May 2019

UNEA-4 resolution

Marine plastic litter and microplastics

- **Invited Member States to address the problem** of marine litter, including plastic litter and microplastics…
- Requested UNEP to **strengthen scientific and technological knowledge** with regard to marine litter; elaborate guidelines on plastic use and production
- Strengthen coordination and cooperation by **establishing a multi-stakeholder platform within UNEP** to take immediate action towards the long-term elimination of discharges of litter and microplastics through a life-cycle approach
- **Extended the mandate of the ad hoc open-ended expert group on marine litter and microplastics**, invited EMG to engage in and contribute to the group

Addressing single-use plastics

- **Encouraged Member States to develop and implement national or regional actions** to address the environmental impacts of single-use plastic products
- Encouraged Member States and others to develop **environmentally friendly alternatives**, promote improved **waste management**, promote more **resource-efficient production and use**

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