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## **CHINESE PLASTICS INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS JOIN GLOBAL EFFORT TO PREVENT USED PLASTICS FROM ENTERING THE ENVIRONMENT**

Yuyao, China (November 3, 2015)—Three associations representing China’s plastics industry have become the latest signatories to the industry’s [\*Global Declaration for Solutions on Marine Litter\*](#), a commitment to help find and implement solutions for keeping plastics out of the ocean.

The [China Petroleum and Chemical Industry Federation](#) (CPCIF), China Synthetic Resin Marketing Association, and China Plastics Processing Industry Association (CPPIA) have officially signed on to the global declaration under which plastic industry leaders commit to contribute to scientific research, knowledge sharing, and partnerships to develop post-use solutions that treat plastics as resources and keep them out of the marine environment.

“Plastics are essential to achieving a sustainable society, because they reduce waste, energy use, and greenhouse gas emissions, all while improving the quality of modern life,” said CPCIF Chairman Li Shousheng. “We must continue working together to find post-use solutions that take advantage of these valuable materials so they don’t become litter or create “white pollution.”

“We welcome and commend China’s plastics industry for joining global efforts to address marine debris,” said Steve Russell, vice president of [plastics for the American Chemistry Council](#). “Marine debris is a complex, global problem, and China’s participation is a strong signal that this industry is committed to doing our part in providing solutions.”

“China is a critical force in the global economy,” said Karl H. Foerster, executive director of [PlasticsEurope](#). “We appreciate CPCIF’s leadership and look forward to working with these associations in continuing our efforts to find solutions to this growing challenge.”

“Leading plastic makers from around the globe are working together and doing our part to protect our environment, and we welcome the commitments of our friends and partners in China,” said Abdulwahab Al-Sadoun, secretary general of the Gulf Petrochemical and Chemical Association.

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To date more than 60 associations in 34 countries have signed the plastics industry's global declaration, through which 185 projects have been planned, initiated or completed since its launch in March 2011. These associations [report on their progress](#) annually.

Earlier this year, CPPIA became a partner in the plastics industry's [Operation Clean Sweep®](#) program, an effort designed to help companies that handle plastics raw materials properly contain these resources and prevent them from entering the marine environment.

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## **About China Petroleum and Chemical Industry Federation**

Established in Beijing in April 28, 2001, China Petroleum and Chemical Industry Federation (CPCIF) is a national association of the petroleum and chemical industry. CPCIF is committed to both co-coordinating industry wide efforts in China and strengthening cooperation and exchanges with international counterparts as the representative of China's petroleum and chemical industry. CPCIF now has over 200 member entities and 41 sectional associations. Visit <http://www.cpcif.org.cn/>.

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