

Call for written submissions – Proposed response template on the potential options for elements towards an international legally binding instrument

On 9 December 2022, the Executive Secretary of the INC Plastic Pollution Secretariat sent a notification inviting written submissions from members of the committee and from observers. The template below is intended to provide guidance to members of the committee and observers in structuring the written submissions.

As requested by INC-1, written submissions will inform the secretariat in the preparation of a document with potential options for elements towards an international legally binding instrument, for consideration at the second session of the INC, without in any way prejudging what the committee might decide regarding the structure and provisions of the instrument. The document is to be based on a comprehensive approach that addresses the full life cycle of plastics as called for by UNEA resolution 5/14, including identifying the objective, substantive provisions including core obligations, control measures, and voluntary approaches, implementation measures, and means of implementation.

The template below is meant to assist Members and Observers to prepare their written submission as a guide. A number of documents prepared for INC-1 are of relevance, notably UNEP/PP/INC.1/5 on 'Potential elements, based on provisions in paragraphs 3 and 4 of United Nations Environment Assembly resolution 5/14, including key concepts, procedures and mechanisms of legally binding multilateral agreements that may be relevant to furthering implementation and compliance under the future international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment'.

The template is divided into three sections:

- I. Substantive elements
- II. Implementation elements
- III. Additional input

All written submissions must be sent to unep-incplastic.secretariat@un.org. The statements received will be compiled and made available the INC webpage.

Please note that it is not required for all fields to be answered in the template for submission.

Deadline for submissions:

- 6 January 2023 for written submissions from observers.
- 10 February 2023 for written submissions from Members of the Committee.

TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSIONS

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I. Substantive elements

1. Objective(s)

a) What objective(s) could be set out in the instrument?

Proposed Objective:

- To promote national and international cooperative measures to reduce plastic pollution in the marine environment, including existing plastic pollution;
- To promote national action plans to work towards the prevention, reduction and elimination of plastic pollution, and to support regional and international cooperation;

Explanatory Text:

Harness international resources for technical support and investment to control marine plastic waste. and improve recycling and transition to a circular economy and green growth.

Specifically, the attention is laid on how to reduce and reuse plastic materials in the first place, and if unavoidable, how to optimize and boost local recycling and enhanced plastic waste management, in order to identify a collective framework and a timeline for implementation.

Develop and implement a plan with defined objectives and activities promoting the reduction of singleuse plastics in stores, markets, supermarkets, trade centers and convenience stores over time

2. Core obligations, control measures and voluntary approaches

a) *What core obligations, control measures and voluntary approaches would provide a comprehensive approach to addressing plastic pollution, including in the marine environment, throughout the full life cycle in line with the future objective(s) of the instrument?*

- *Develop national plastic disposal legislation and support the National Action Plan*
- *Strengthen the control and management of discharges into water sources from the entertainment activities at the beaches and lakes; and take measures to prevent the spontaneous garbage dumping, illegal burning and burying*
- *Develop and implement a pilot model for commercial establishments, tourist accommodation and other tourist services in tourist areas, attractions, mass and sports fitness facilities, training centers, sports competitions, and religious and creed institutions to reduce the use of single-use plastic products (which includes waste segregation at source)*

II. Implementation elements

1. Implementation measures

- a) *How to ensure implementation of the instrument at the national level (eg. role national action plans contribute to meeting the objectives and obligations of the instrument?)*
- b) *How to ensure effectiveness of the instrument and have efficient national reporting?*
- c) *Please provide any other relevant proposals or priorities here on implementation measures (for example for scientific and technical cooperation and coordination as well as compliance).*

- *work plan to Strengthen the control and management of discharges into water sources from the entertainment activities at the beaches and ; and take measures to prevent the spontaneous garbage dumping, illegal burning and burying.*

2. Means of Implementation

With respect to means of implementation, document UNEP/PP/INC.1/5 covers the following elements: capacity-building, technical assistance, technology transfer on mutually agreed terms and financial assistance.

a) What measures will be required to support the implementation of the instrument?

- Develop guidance documents ,communi- cations and training on reducing plastic waste and single-use plastic products (inte- grating with waste separation at source plans) in convenience stores, production facilities, industrial zones
- Support inspection of plastic packaging activities in city markets by individuals and organizations, with a view to mobilizing and guiding businesses toward environ- mentally friendly alternatives.
- Investigate, compile statistics, classify and evaluate sources of plastic waste from land and sea

III. Additional input

Please provide any other relevant proposals or priorities here (for example introductory elements; awareness-raising, education and exchange of information; research; stakeholder engagement; institutional arrangements and final provisions).

- Develop campaigns awareness on the harmful effects of plastic waste, and highlight measures to reduce plastic waste and plastic bags in daily activities,