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Dear Sir/Madam,

Reference is made to the [letter](#) from the Executive Secretary of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) dated 5 November 2025 inviting Members of the INC to attend the third part of the fifth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment (INC-5.3), scheduled to take place at the Geneva International Conference Center (CICG) in Geneva, Switzerland on 7 February 2026.

In this regard, delegates requiring an entry visa are kindly reminded that each invited and duly registered INC-5.3 participant is expected to take the necessary steps to ensure compliance with the requirements for entering Switzerland. Participants are strongly encouraged to start the appointment and visa application procedure as soon as possible.

The list of nationalities subject to visa requirements to enter Switzerland can be found on the website of the [State Secretariat for Migration \(SEM\)](#). Visas must be obtained from the Swiss Embassy/Consulate prior to arrival.

Participants are responsible for all aspects related to their visa application. They must contact the appropriate Swiss Embassies/Consulates directly to schedule appointments and obtain additional information. Should urgent assistance be needed, participants may contact unep-incplastic.secretariat@un.org.

Additional detailed information on the visa application process can be found in the [information note to participants](#).

Due to the organizational and administrative focus of this short, resumed session, and to ensure resources are used efficiently and in the most cost-effective and sustainable way possible, Members are encouraged to consider extending their delegates that are already attending the first session of the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Panel on Chemicals, Waste and Pollution (the ISP-CWP P1) taking place from 2 to 6 February at the same venue, or have delegates already based in Geneva at the Permanent Missions participate in INC-5.3.

Yours sincerely,

Signed

The INC Secretariat