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Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of Ms. Johanna Lissinger Peitz, Vice Chair presiding over the Bureau, I have the pleasure to transmit the attached letter from the Vice Chair.

I also wish to inform you that the advance version of the draft scenario note and agenda and annotated agenda for 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), are now available on the [Official Documents](#) tab on the [INC-5.3 webpage](#).

Yours sincerely,

Signed

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To: Members of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC)

From: Vice-Chair Presiding, Ambassador Johanna Lissinger-Peitz

Subject: Letter from the Vice-Chair Presiding on the Resumed Fifth Session of the INC (INC-5.3)

Date: 8 January 2026

Dear Members of the Committee,

Following the resignation of the former Chair of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC), and following consultations with the regional groups, the Bureau agreed at its meeting of [30 October 2025](#) that the third part of the fifth session (INC-5.3) will be convened as a one-day resumed session for organizational and administrative purposes, addressing the election of officers, including the position of Chair. No substantive negotiations or discussions will be undertaken during this resumed session.

As you know, INC-5.3 is a resumed session and therefore the agenda will remain the same as was adopted during INC-5.1 and also used during the resumed INC-5.2 session. However, as INC-5.3 will be convened for organizational and administrative issues, addressing the election of officers, including the position of Chair, not all items will be taken up during INC-5.3.

To assist delegations in preparing for INC-5.3, I have, therefore, prepared a Scenario Note, in consultation with the Bureau which explains in detail which agenda items will be taken up during INC-5.3 and which will not be taken up. The Scenario Note is in addition to the Annotated Agenda and should both be read together.

The advance English version of the Scenario Note for INC-5.3 is available [here](#) on the [INC-5.3 web page](#). The agenda and annotated agenda for the resumed fifth session, in all official languages, are also accessible on the [INC-5.3 web page](#).

In addition, document UNEP/PP/INC.5/INF/20 on the conduct of elections, prepared by the Secretariat, will be made available to assist Members in their preparations for INC-5.3.

It is my hope that these documents together, will assist Members to prepare for the upcoming session.

Ms. Johanna Lissinger-Peitz
Vice-Chair of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee