



**Intergovernmental negotiating committee to develop
an international legally binding instrument on plastic
pollution, including in the marine environment
Fifth session**

Busan, Republic of Korea, 25 November–1 December 2024, and
Geneva, Switzerland, 5–14 August 2025 and 7 February 2026

Annotated agenda

Item 1

Opening of the session

1. 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, will be held in Geneva on 7 February 2026 and opened by the Vice-Chair of the committee, Johanna Lissinger-Peitz (Sweden), at 10 a.m. on Saturday, 7 February 2026.

Item 2

Election of officers

2. At its third session, the committee elected Luis Vayas Valdivieso (Ecuador) to serve as its Chair. Following the resignation of Mr. Vayas Valdivieso on 31 October 2025, it is expected that the committee will elect a new chair, as well as vice-chairs to fill any vacant positions, taking into account the need to ensure equitable regional representation consistent with the draft rules of procedure being provisionally applied to the work of the committee as set out in document UNEP/PP/INC.5/3. It is expected that, once a new chair is elected, they will preside over the third part of the fifth session.

Item 3

Organizational matters

3. On 30 October 2025, the Bureau of the committee agreed that the work of the committee at the third part of its fifth session should only address elections and any related administrative matters. The Bureau further agreed that no substantive discussions would take place during the meeting. Accordingly, this agenda item is not expected to be taken up during the third part of the fifth session.

(a) Adoption of the rules of procedure

4. At its first session, held in Punta del Este, Uruguay, from 28 November to 2 December 2022, the committee agreed that the draft rules of procedure would continue to apply to its work on a provisional basis pending their adoption.
5. At its second session, held in Paris from 29 May to 2 June 2023, the committee decided to adopt an interpretive statement relating to paragraph 1 of rule 38.

6. At its third session, held in Nairobi from 13 to 19 November 2023; its fourth session, held in Ottawa from 23 to 29 April 2024; the first part of its fifth session, held in Busan, Republic of Korea, from 25 November to 1 December 2024; and the second part of its fifth session, held in Geneva from 5 to 14 August 2025, the respective Chairs of the committee recalled that, in accordance with the decision of the committee at its first session, the draft rules of procedure, as set out in document UNEP/PP/INC.5/3, would apply to its work on a provisional basis until their adoption, with the exception of the bracketed text in rule 37. At the fourth session and the first part of the fifth session, the Chair reiterated the commitment to discussions being held in a spirit of cooperation and consensus.

(b) Adoption of the agenda

7. At the first part of its fifth session, on 25 November 2024, the committee adopted the agenda of its fifth session on the basis of the provisional agenda (UNEP/PP/INC.5/1) and as agreed at the fourth session. The adopted agenda is reflected in paragraph 21 of the draft report of the committee on the work of the first part of its fifth session (UNEP/PP/INC.5/8) and is set out in document UNEP/PP/INC.5/1/Rev.1.

8. As the agenda was adopted at the first part of the fifth session, this sub-item is not expected to be reopened. The agenda set out in document UNEP/PP/INC.5/1/Rev.1 is being reissued as document UNEP/PP/INC.5/1/Rev.2 for procedural reasons relating to documentation processing.

(c) Organization of work

9. A scenario note will be circulated in advance of the third part of the fifth session to outline the expected organization of work.

Item 4

Preparation of an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment

10. Consistent with the Bureau's agreement at its meeting held 30 October 2025 that the third part of the fifth session should be held for organizational and administrative purposes with a focus on the election of officers, and that the committee would not engage in any substantive negotiations during the third part of the fifth session, this agenda item will not be taken up.

Item 5

Other matters

11. Given the agreed nature of the meeting, which is for the purpose of electing officers and dealing with any related administrative matters, it is not expected that any matters will be raised under this agenda item.

Item 6

Adoption of the report of the session

12. Given the one-day duration of the third part of the fifth session, it would not be possible to make a draft report available for consideration by the committee during this part of the session. The committee may therefore wish to entrust the preparation of the draft report to the Rapporteur, for consideration and adoption by the Committee when it next convenes.

Item 7

Closure of the session

13. It is expected that the committee will conclude its work on Saturday, 7 February 2026.
