Plastic Pollution INC Secretariat

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Reference is made to the notification dated 17 July 2026 regarding visa applications and entry requirements for Thailand for delegates attending the second informal in-person meeting of Heads of Delegation (HODs) to the INC, scheduled to take place from 27 to 30 September 2026 at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok. The meeting will be preceded by regional consultations on 26 September 2026.

In this regard, all registered delegates attending the second informal in-person HODs meeting are kindly reminded to:

- **Apply for a Thai visa as soon as possible, as applicable, if not already done.** Visa processing takes at least 15 working days after the successful submission of a complete application and payment, where applicable. The relevant Royal Thai Embassy or Consulate-General may request additional documents or clarification, which could extend the processing time.

- **All visa applications must be submitted through the Thai e-Visa Official Website.** Physical submission of visa applications is not accepted. Applicants are encouraged to carefully read the Thai e-Visa Manual before starting their application process.

- **Ensure that you select the correct visa category.** Please note that tourist visas are not an appropriate visa category for participation in this meeting. Applications submitted under the tourist visa category are subject to rejection.

- Delegates who may normally be eligible for visa-exempt entry to Thailand are advised to confirm directly with the relevant Royal Thai Embassy or Consulate-General whether the exemption applies to travel for participation in this meeting, and to clearly state the purpose of their visit when seeking confirmation, as visa exemptions may be intended primarily for tourism.

- **Complete the Thailand Digital Arrival Card (TDAC) through the website. This should be done only within the three days before arrival in Thailand.** Please also note that the TDAC is an additional document and does not replace the formal visa application process.

Delegates requiring further assistance should complete the **INC Secretariat Support Request Form** and submit information on their visa application as soon as possible. Please note that the Support Request

Form does not replace the formal visa application process. Visa decisions remain the sole responsibility of the competent authorities of the Kingdom of Thailand.

Delegates are also strongly encouraged to carefully review the following information on visa applications and entry requirements for Thailand.

Additional practical information on the second informal in-person HODs meeting is available in the Information Note to participants on the INC website.

The INC Secretariat remains at your disposal for any further information at unep-incplastic.secretariat@un.org.

Yours sincerely,

Signed

The INC Secretariat