

Reference: Not-INC-2025-0008

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Dear Madam/Sir,

Reference is made to the invitation letters from the Executive Secretary of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) dated 3 March 2025 (available [here](#) for Members of the Committee and [here](#) for Observer organizations), to attend the second 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-5.2), scheduled to take place at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, from 5 to 14 August 2025.

In this regard, visa applicants are kindly reminded that it is the responsibility of each INC-5.2 invited and duly registered participant to ensure compliance with the requirements to enter Switzerland to attend the INC-5.2.

Participants are highly recommended to start the appointment and visa application procedure NOW. Furthermore, we wish to inform that due to an exceptionally high volume of visa applications at this time of the year, linked both to international conferences and the onset of the summer travel season, Swiss Embassies/Consulates are currently operating at full capacity.

The list of nationalities subject to visas 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 Swiss Embassies/Consulates directly to make appointments and obtain additional information. If urgent further support is needed, they must fill out the visa support form available [here](#) (INDICO user login will be required) or email unep-incplastic.secretariat@un.org.

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

Yours sincerely,

Signed

The INC Secretariat