

TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSIONS

Name of country (for Members of the committee)	State of PALESTINE
Name of organization (for stakeholders to the committee)	Environment Quality Authority (EQA)
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I. Substantive elements

1. Objective(s)

a) What objective(s) could be set out in the instrument?

Objectives:

1. Phasing out the single use plastics in a suitable manner to the national circumstances.
2. Reduction of multipurpose plastic use.
3. Commitment to the international treaties regarding the import of plastic that contains chemicals of potential concern such as POPs under S.C.
4. Prevent plastic waste smuggling from Israel to the state of Palestine under B.C.
5. Enforcement of the national laws regarding the management of the plastic waste.

Explanatory Text:

State of Palestine is a small country with small -medium industries which always depends on importing of the raw plastic polymers (granules) reproducing the plastic instruments and devices. Plastic polymers are imported from abroad and re-melted and shaped to form various plastic products. Therefore, the basic production of plastic products and the chemicals additives depends on the origin of exporting countries of such material.

In addition, Palestine, like other countries, has a high rate of single-use plastic consumption, which is mixed mainly with other types of waste and ended at the landfills, or sometimes – illegally - burned by individuals to get rid of this kind of waste.

Since the problem of plastic waste is a cross-border environmental problem, State of Palestine is looking forward to be part of this legally procedure and put this instrument in place and adhering to it in order to protect the public health and environment from the hazardous plastic components.

The smuggling of waste from Israel to the state of Palestine is a very serious problem and should be highlighted and considered in a way to prevent that.

2. Core obligations, control measures and voluntary approaches

- a) *What core obligations, control measures and voluntary approaches would provide a comprehensive approach to addressing plastic pollution, including in the marine environment, throughout the full life cycle in line with the future objective(s) of the instrument?*

Core obligations:

The state of Palestine is willing to develop the national strategy regarding:

1. Prevention, reducing, reusing and recycling of plastic materials/waste.
2. Taking appropriate actions /procedures/ regulations to avoid using unnecessary plastic materials or contaminated plastics with Hazardous chemicals that are regulated and controlled under other environmental conventions like BRS conventions and Minamata convention.
3. Prevent marine litter and plastic chip discharge

control measures and voluntary approaches

1. consumption/production principles that ensure the sustainability of resources would be adopted through the general procurement procedure at the national level.
2. Raising up the awareness among the Palestinian community through different environmental campaigns regarding the Plastic and their implications.
3. Regulate the importing procedure of plastic material through posing some extra tariff (fees) and taxes on single-use and other kinds of plastic materials

II. Implementation elements

1. Implementation measures

- a) *How to ensure implementation of the instrument at the national level (eg. role national action plans contribute to meeting the objectives and obligations of the instrument?)*
- b) *How to ensure effectiveness of the instrument and have efficient national reporting?*
- c) *Please provide any other relevant proposals or priorities here on implementation measures (for example for scientific and technical cooperation and coordination as well as compliance).*

- I. Developing the cross-sectoral environment strategy, and preparing the national action plan to ensure the implementation of the instrument through engagement of all stakeholders (governmental institutions, NGOs, civil societies and academia).
- II. Monitoring the importing process of plastic polymers for different purposes.
- III. Intensify monitoring and inspection field visits on plastic facilities, landfills, recycling facilities, and others involved in plastic waste management procedure.
- IV. Scientific and technical cooperation with Scientific Centers, Universities, NGOs, and cooperation with other leading regional countries.

V. Promotion of the scientific research on plastic management.

2. Means of Implementation

With respect to means of implementation, document UNEP/PP/INC.1/5 covers the following elements: capacity-building, technical assistance, technology transfer on mutually agreed terms and financial assistance.

a) What measures will be required to support the implementation of the instrument?

1. Support a comprehensive baseline study to analyze the current status of the plastic sector.
2. Secure the needed financial support for the developing countries.
3. Provide the required capacity building, technical assistance, and technology transfer.
4. Encouraging /supporting the social and voluntary initiatives.
5. Financial support and tax exemptions for green initiatives and recycling projects
6. Conduct environmental public awareness programs.

III. Additional input

Please provide any other relevant proposals or priorities here (for example introductory elements; awareness-raising, education and exchange of information; research; stakeholder engagement; institutional arrangements and final provisions).

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