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Dear Sir/Madam,

It is my pleasure to invite your organization to attend 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), scheduled to take place at the Geneva International Conference Centre (CICG) in Geneva, Switzerland, on 7 February 2026.

Following the resignation of the former INC Chair, the **Bureau of the INC at its [meeting held on 30 October 2025](#) decided that a one-day INC session should be convened on 7 February 2026**, immediately following the first session of the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Panel on Chemicals, Waste and Pollution (ISP-CWP P1). **This resumed INC session is for organizational and administrative purposes with the focus on election of officers including for the position of Chair. Therefore, no substantive negotiations will be held during this resumed session.**

Registration is now open and the deadline for registration is 16 January 2026, 23:59 East Africa Time.

Accredited Observer organisations are invited to register **ONE (1) representative** per organization through the online registration system INDICO by accessing the appropriate registration category under the Registration tab in the [INC-5.3 web page](#).

Please note that, taking into account the organizational and administrative nature of this one-day resumed session, operational and logistical arrangements are being made within this framework and in accordance with the practical requirements of this session and its venue. In this context, Observer organizations are kindly informed that travel support for Observers is not allocated for INC-5.3, and that, in line with the reduced room allocations associated with this short session, there will not be a dedicated room for Observer coordination. Please also note that should the seating allocated for Observers in the plenary hall reach capacity, arrangements will be in place for the proceedings to be followed by participants from an overflow room, which has very limited capacity.

Additional session information will become available in due course on the [INC-5.3 web page](#). Participants are also encouraged to consult the practical and logistical information in the Information Note to participants, which will also be made available on the [INC-5.3 web page](#).

Finally, I wish to underline our commitment to advancing gender equality and empowering women and youth in international decision-making processes. To this end, I invite Observer organizations to promote the participation of women and youth in their delegations.

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

Your sincerely,

[Signed]

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