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pollution, including in the marine environment
Fifth session**

Busan, Republic of Korea, 25 November–1 December 2024 and

Geneva, Switzerland, 5–14 August 2025

Agenda item 3 (b)*

Organizational matters: adoption of the agenda

Annotated agenda

Item 1

Opening of the session

1. The second part of the fifth session of the intergovernmental negotiating committee to prepare an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment, to be held in Geneva from 5 to 14 August 2025, will be opened by the Chair of the Committee, Luis Vayas Valdivieso (Ecuador), at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 5 August 2025.
2. Opening statements will be delivered by a representative of the host government and a representative of the United Nations Environment Programme.

Item 2

Election of officers

3. Should the need to elect officers arise, the election of officers would be carried out in accordance with rules 11 and 13 of the draft rules of procedure being provisionally applied to the work of the committee set out in document UNEP/PP/INC.5/3.

Item 3

Organizational matters

(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.

* At the first part of its fifth session, on 25 November 2024, the committee completed its consideration of agenda item 3 (b) of the provisional agenda, on the adoption of the provisional agenda for the fifth session, and adopted the agenda of its fifth session. The agenda, as adopted on 25 November 2024, is set out in document UNEP/PP/INC.5/1/Rev.1 for the convenience of the committee. The present document sets out annotations to the adopted agenda, with reference to the second part of the fifth session, prepared by the secretariat.

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; and the first part of its fifth session, held in Busan from 25 November to 1 December 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 his 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 intergovernmental negotiating committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment, 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).

(c) Organization of work

8. At the first part of its fifth session, the committee decided to meet on each day of the session from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., subject to adjustment as necessary.

9. At the first part of its fifth session, the committee also agreed on the organization of work, including the establishment of contact groups, the appointment of their presiding officers and the specification of their respective mandates. The agreed organization of work is reflected in paragraphs 22–35 of the draft report of the first part of the fifth session (UNEP/PP/INC.5/8). The committee may wish to consider whether, for the second part of the fifth session, any adjustments to the agreed organization of work may be needed. In this regard, the Committee may wish to recall that, at its fourth session, it decided to establish an open-ended legal drafting group, which would commence its work at the fifth session, to conduct a legal review of any elements of the draft text forwarded to it by the committee, with a view to ensuring that the text was drafted in a legally sound manner, and to make recommendations on the wording to the committee for its consideration.

Item 4

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

10. The committee will have before it for its consideration:

(a) The Chair's text released on 1 December 2024 as contained in the annex to the draft report on the work of the first part of the fifth session (UNEP/PP/INC.5/8). At the first part of its fifth session, the committee agreed to use the Chair's text of 1 December 2024 as the starting point for negotiations on the future instrument at the second part of the fifth session;

(b) A number of information documents containing complementary information prepared to facilitate the work of the committee.

11. The committee may also wish to recall the documents made available to it for the first part of the fifth session, including:

(a) The Co-chairs' report from the ad hoc intersessional open-ended expert group established at the fourth session of the Committee to develop an analysis of potential sources, and means that could be mobilized, for implementation of the objectives of the instrument, including options for the establishment of a financial mechanism, alignment of financial flows, and catalysing finance, for consideration by the Committee at its fifth session (UNEP/PP/INC.5/5);

(b) The Co-chairs' report from the ad hoc intersessional open-ended expert group established at the fourth session of the Committee to identify and analyse criteria and non-criteria based approaches regarding plastic products and chemicals of concern in plastic products, and product design focusing on recyclability and reusability of plastic products, for consideration by the Committee at its fifth session (UNEP/PP/INC.5/6);

- (c) A compilation of draft text of the international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment (UNEP/PP/INC.5/4).

Item 5

Other matters

12. The committee may wish to consider other matters raised during the session.

Item 6

Adoption of the report of the session

13. At the final meeting of the session, on 14 August 2025, the committee will be invited to consider and adopt its decisions and the draft report of the second part of the fifth session prepared by the rapporteur. At the first part of its fifth session, the committee adopted paragraphs 1–62 of the draft report on the first part of the session as set out in document UNEP/PP/INC.5/L.1, with the understanding that the remaining paragraphs would be adopted at the second part of the fifth session. The Committee will, therefore, also be invited to consider and adopt paragraphs 63–94 of the draft report of the first part of the session as set out in document UNEP/PP/INC.5/8.

Item 7

Closure of the session

14. It is expected that the committee will conclude its work by 6 p.m. on Thursday, 14 August 2025.
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