Guidance for Contact Groups to be established at INC-3

(14 November 2023)

Contact group 1

Co-facilitators: Ms. Gwen Sisior of Palau and Mr. Axel Borchmann of Germany

The contact group is expected to review part I (text on the objective) and part II of the annex to the Zero Draft (document 3/4). Members' text proposals will be reflected in a revised version of the Zero Draft as the outcome of the contact group. We would also expect to hear the Co-facilitators' Summary of the discussions during the plenary on Saturday 18 November.

The contact group would be mandated to consider:

- the zero draft and inputs from Members to be incorporated in a revised version of the Zero Draft; and
- inputs on the possible relevant intersessional work, if any (to be reported to the plenary on Thursday and communicated to Contact Group 3 for further elaboration).

Contact group 2

Co-facilitators: Ms. Kate Lynch of Australia and Mr. Oliver Boachie of Ghana

The contact group is expected to review part III and part IV of the annex to the Zero Draft. Members' text proposals will be reflected in a revised version of the Zero Draft as the outcome of the contact group. We would also expect to hear the Co-facilitators' Summary of the discussion during the plenary on Saturday 18 November.

The contact group would be mandated to consider:

- the zero draft and inputs from Members to be incorporated in a revised version of the Zero Draft; and
- inputs on the possible relevant intersessional work, if any (to be reported to the plenary on Thursday and communicated to Contact Group 3 for further elaboration).

Contact group 3

Co-facilitators: Ms. Marine Collignon of France, and Mr. Danny Rahdiansyah of Indonesia

The contact group is expected to consider the elements addressed in the synthesis report on elements not discussed at the second session of the committee, taking into account also the discussions at the preparatory meeting and summary of the preparatory meeting; and intersessional work. Proposals will be reflected in the outcome of the Contact Group. We would also expect to hear the Co-facilitators' Summary of the discussion during the plenary on Saturday 18 November.

The contact group would be mandated to:

- Consider the elements addressed in the synthesis report and inputs from Members for the placeholders in the Zero Draft;
- Consider needs and timelines identified for relevant intersessional work, if any, on the substantive matters discussed by contact group 3;
- Prepare recommendations with respect to possible intersessional work and its modalities for issues identified in contact groups 1, 2 and 3, informed by the relevant work in these contact groups.

For all three of the groups I wish to highlight the following points:

Consideration of Text Proposals in Contact Groups

I understand that some delegations may have text proposals. When this is the case, the delegations may submit these proposals to the secretariat, who will make them available on the INC-3 webpage.

Delegations would be invited to send them to: unep-incplastic.statements@un.org. Please indicate in the title that it is a text proposal and indicate the proposed placement in the Zero Draft.

The timeline for all contact groups is as follows:

We expect delegations to send their text proposals ahead of the stocktaking plenary on Thursday, 16 November by 10:00 a.m.

The contact groups would be expected to conclude their work at the latest by noon on Saturday, 18 November. The co-facilitators of the contact groups would report back on the progress of their work during a plenary meeting on Thursday, 16 November as relevant. They would also provide a final report back to plenary on Saturday, 18 November.