

TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSIONS

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I. Substantive elements

1. Objective(s)

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

Proposed Objective:

- to promote environmentally safe and sound management of hazardous plastic wastes; and
- to reduce uncontrolled hazardous plastic pollution.

Proposed Principles:

- taking into account the national circumstances and respective capabilities of countries;
- capacity building through provisions of financial, technical, and technological support to developing countries;
- any policies and measures to cope with plastic pollution to be nationally determined;
- to promote cooperation and partnership at the regional and international levels;
- to address the objectives of the instrument in a facilitative and supportive approach;

Explanatory Text:

It is necessary to promote the environmentally sound management of plastic waste by conducting extensive science-based studies on the plastic waste listing, and classification as well as the formation of related technical working groups to promote plastic waste management.

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 obligation:

- to develop an effective framework to enable all countries to control and minimize hazardous plastic pollution including in marine environments with taking into account the national circumstances and capabilities of countries;
- The obligations have to concentrate on promoting plastic waste management and the related technical methods and promote environmental awareness;

Control measures:

- to develop comprehensive control measures within a national integrated framework that enables the countries to participate in the implementation of the measures;
- to introduce new laws and policies to minimize the generation of hazardous plastic waste;
- to adopt effective national policies, laws , and regulations for managing hazardous plastic wastes;
- to establish/promote national and regional bodies to boost cooperation in exchanging information and best practices for safe and sound waste management, including in the marine environment;
- to enforce enabling activities and capacity-building programs to support in particular developing countries to join the global movement on hazardous plastic waste management
- to establish a new and independent international fund to ensure the availability of financial resources and facilitate access of developing countries to the funds and necessary technologies predictably and affordably;
- to mobilize adequate and predictable financial resources by donor countries for enforcing hazardous plastic waste management initiatives in developing countries;
- to prepare periodical national reports and enforce national/regional action plans on plastic waste management with a focus on the marine environment;
- to enhance the people's environmental knowledge that how reducing plastic waste can lift the sustainable development criteria and save the environment;
- to focus on technological and educational support for plastic wastes management and control;

Voluntary approaches:

While the developed countries should commit themselves to legally binding obligations to ensure the reduction of hazardous plastic pollution and financial and technological contribution to developing countries, all actions and initiatives of developing countries in this respect including reporting should be voluntary.

Explanatory text:

Implementation of control measures by developing countries and their success in the effective reduction of hazardous plastic waste and pollution is significantly dependent on the availability, accessibility, and affordability of supportive means of implementation.

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).*

a)

- to develop an initial assessment and national action plan to accelerate achieving the objectives for reducing uncontrolled hazardous plastic wastes;
- to create a financial mechanism to support developing countries through a new and independent fund;
- to encourage cooperation and partnership at the national, regional ,and international levels to reduce hazardous plastic waste and pollution in the marine environment, including existing plastic pollution, is necessary;
- flexibility together with a facilitative and supportive approach in implementation measures which allow countries discretion in particular for developing countries in the implementation of their commitments is indispensable;
- In development implementation and updating national action plans, national circumstances, and country-driven approaches should be reflected. Hazardous plastic waste management should be conducted by/under national laws and regulations.

b)

- effectiveness of the instrument is dependent on other elements including support for capacity-building, technical assistance, technology transfer, and financial assistance; and
- National reporting of developing countries should be voluntary and conditional on the availability and accessibility of capacity-building, technical assistance, technology transfer, and financial support;

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?

- to set up provisions for capacity-building , educational , technical, technological , and financial assistance recognizing that the ability of developing countries to implement legal obligations effectively under a legally binding instrument should take into account respected capabilities and be conditional on the availability, accessibility , and adequacy of capacity-building and technical, technological and financial assistance;
- to create a new and independent dedicated financial mechanism to enable developing countries to achieve the objectives, along with considering the link between the financial assistance and implementation of the commitment of developing countries;
- the dedicated financial mechanism should receive its mandate from and report regularly to the supreme body of the instrument consisting of all parties;
- the instrument should include provisions regarding the establishment of financial mechanisms dedicated to hazardous plastic pollution reduction;
- to establish regional centers according to their role in assisting in the implementation of the instrument;
- to promote technology transfer including Best Available Technologies (BAT) and Best Environmental Practices (BEP) for environmentally sound management of hazardous plastic wastes;
- to develop technical guidelines including standards applied in successful countries for hazardous plastic waste management.;
- to establish standing committees for financing, technology development and transfer, and capacity-building including technical support to help developing countries in implementing their obligations;

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).

preamble:

- to recognize the important role played by plastics for today and future life of human well-being;

research:

- to undertake a scientific and technical study focusing on the following elements:
 - a) evaluating the socio-economic and environmental effects of replacing hazardous plastics;
 - b) investigating and researching the types of hazardous plastic pollution in the world and its effects on nature and the environment;
 - c) evaluating the effectiveness of countries' hazardous plastic pollution reduction programs and presenting the outcomes and successful experiences of countries in implementing the instrument;

awareness-raising:

- Promotion of public awareness through public and private mass media as well as NGOs

institutional arrangements:

- The secretariats of the new instrument and its financial mechanism shall be preferably based in Nairobi (UNEP headquarter);
- While the developed countries should prepare and submit their national reports to the instrument biennially, the developing countries should be allowed to prepare and submit their national reports voluntarily subject to the availability of financial and technical support;

stakeholder engagement:

- on stakeholder engagement, the negotiation part of this intergovernmental process should remain restricted to the participation of the government representatives. However, NGOs, local communities ,and private sector representatives could be allowed to attend the plenary of INC meetings as observers to readout their views and suggestions for innovating ways and means of reducing hazardous plastic wastes and more efficient plastic management including in marine environment.

national observation:

-all the INC decisions in the course of negotiations leading to the new instrument on plastic pollution should be made through consensus;

-This submission only reflects the present views and suggestions of the Islamic Republic of Iran regarding this proposal template and could evolve and improve in the course of the negotiation process in the future.