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Subject: Regional Consultation of the group of Latin American and Caribbean States (GRULAC) in preparation for the second 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, from 3 to 5 June 2025, in Panama City, Panama.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have the pleasure to invite your organization to attend as Observers to the regional consultation of the group of Latin America and Caribbean States (GRULAC) in preparation for the second part of the fifth of the intergovernmental negotiating committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment (INC-5.2).

The regional consultation will take place in Panama City, Panama, **from 3 to 5 June 2025**. More details on the venue will follow shortly. The aim of the regional consultations is to undertake discussions at a regional level and to support Member States in their preparations for INC-5.2, scheduled to take place from 5 to 14 August 2025 in Geneva, Switzerland. Additional information on INC-5.2, including the meeting documents, are available on the [INC-5.2 webpage](#).

A dedicated segment for an exchange with Observers will be included in the agenda on 3 and 4 June, in the morning, and will be focused on concrete proposals from Observers on the Chair's Text [from 1 December 2024](#) of the internationally legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment.

Therefore, I invite accredited organizations to register to participate in the regional consultation of GRULAC, via the following link: [Register here](#). **The deadline for registration is 2 May 2025**. All registrations and nomination letters must be submitted via the Registration platform.

Arrangements will be made for the regional consultation to be held with simultaneous interpretation in English and Spanish.

Observers attending in person are fully responsible to cover for their expenses; visa applications or other necessary entry permits and health requirements. The agenda and background document will be shared with participants in due course.

For any questions regarding the regional consultation of GRULAC please contact the INC Secretariat (unep-incplastic.secretariat@un.org), with copy to the UNEP regional office for Latin America and the Caribbean (jordi.pon@un.org).

We very much look forward to meeting with you at this important consultation.

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

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