

## **Call for written submissions – Proposed response template on the potential options for elements towards an international legally binding instrument**

On 9 December 2022, the Executive Secretary of the INC Plastic Pollution Secretariat sent a notification inviting written submissions from members of the committee and from stakeholders. The template below is intended to provide guidance to members of the committee and stakeholders in structuring the written submissions.

As requested by INC-1, written submissions will inform the secretariat in the preparation of a document with potential options for elements towards an international legally binding instrument, for consideration at the second session of the INC, without in any way prejudging what the committee might decide regarding the structure and provisions of the instrument. The document is to be based on a comprehensive approach that addresses the full life cycle of plastics as called for by UNEA resolution 5/14, including identifying the objective, substantive provisions including core obligations, control measures, and voluntary approaches, implementation measures, and means of implementation.

The template below is meant to assist Members and stakeholders to prepare their written submission as a guide. A number of documents prepared for INC-1 are of relevance, notably UNEP/PP/INC.1/5 on 'Potential elements, based on provisions in paragraphs 3 and 4 of United Nations Environment Assembly resolution 5/14, including key concepts, procedures and mechanisms of legally binding multilateral agreements that may be relevant to furthering implementation and compliance under the future international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment'.

The template is divided into three sections:

- I. Substantive elements
- II. Implementation elements
- III. Additional input

All written submissions must be sent to [unep-incplastic.secretariat@un.org](mailto:unep-incplastic.secretariat@un.org). The statements received will be compiled and made available the INC webpage.

Please note that it is not required for all fields to be answered in the template for submission.

### **Deadline for submissions:**

- 6 January 2023 for written submissions from stakeholders.
- 10 February 2023 for written submissions from Members of the Committee.

## TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSIONS

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### I. Substantive elements

#### 1. Objective(s)

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

<p><b>Proposed Objective:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Approve legislation and laws, and set special goals for dealing with plastic waste, and its safe disposal.</li> <li>✓ Shifting towards the concept of circular economy to treat plastic waste, instead of the concept of the linear economy.</li> </ul> <p><b>Explanatory Text:</b></p> <p>Member states' commitment to adopting the necessary legislation and regulatory frameworks to ensure the safe management of plastic waste.</p> <p>Develop infrastructure and related facilities for the effective treatment of plastic waste, within the circular economy, in a way that guarantees sustainable development in the country.</p>
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#### 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?*

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Enhancing advanced processing and recycling methods, and its integration with mechanical processing methods.</li> <li>✓ Encouraging investment to expand the development of plastic waste recycling projects and use it as a fuel in power plants and energy-intensive industries, where plastic waste comes in third place after natural gas and crude oil in terms of energy enthalpy.</li> <li>✓ Searching for innovative solutions to benefit from plastic waste in oil refineries and petrochemical complexes.</li> </ul>
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## 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).*

- ✓ Preparing inclusive and comprehensive maps of plastic waste pool areas.
- ✓ The contribution of social associations in activating the plastic waste management system, and participating in it.
- ✓ Founding companies specialized in the field of plastic waste management.
- ✓ Increase separation strategies from the source.
- ✓ Approval of incentives to encourage civil society more cooperate in the system of collecting and separating plastic waste.
- ✓ Promoting scientific efforts and innovations aimed at improving the environmental situation resulting from plastic waste.
- ✓ encourage scientific research activities to develop better designs for plastic products with the aim of increasing the number of times of reuse and recycling, increasing durability or rigidity, producing products with the ability to degrade, and other possible measures.
- ✓ Enhancing international cooperation and building international alliances in this field in cooperation with universities, governmental and private research institutes, and industrial companies, to take advantage of the integration of scientific capabilities available in universities, research, and industrial centers.
- ✓ Increasing interest in human and scientific cadres working in the fields and activities of scientific research and development.

#### 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?*

- ✓ Establishing a fund to support countries most in need, to contribute to the transfer of advanced technologies for the treatment of plastic waste.
- ✓ Invite the major industrial companies to contribute to the social efforts, and provide the necessary financial support to expand the implementation of the safe management of plastic waste.
- ✓ Increasing the percentage of allocations for research and development in petrochemical companies in developing countries, similar to the percentages of allocations for leading companies in developed countries in this field.

### 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).

- ✓ Enhancing community awareness of the importance of contributing to the safe disposal of plastic waste and reducing its risks.
- ✓ Benefiting from previous experiences and initiatives in the field of plastic waste reduction pursued by the developed ..
- ✓ Develop plans, strategies, and regulatory frameworks for Member States towards including the production of biopolymers of the second or third generation within their future visions, if the economic feasibility of their production is proven.
- ✓ Directing scientific research activities to find creative solutions, innovative methods, and technologies for plastic recycling, the production of plastic-eating larvae, the production of bio-degradable plastic, and other innovations and ambitious research aimed at reducing the use of plastic.
- ✓ Production of plastic products with self-degradation properties, and other possible measures.