

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 observers. The template below is intended to provide guidance to members of the committee and observers 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 Observers 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. 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 observers.
- 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>Proposed Objective:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reducing the negative impact of plastic pollution on the environment and human health 2. Reducing the production of single use plastic to an almost zero level <p>Explanatory Text:</p> <p>Reducing the single use plastic can help in reducing the manufacturing of it and encourage recycling and reuse hence reducing the amount of litter. To preserve the animal and bird species, and to protect our ecosystem reducing the single-use of plastics can be helpful.</p>

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?*

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Implementation of the extended producer responsibility model</i> 2. <i>Sound recycling of plastics is the best sustainable option</i> 3. <i>Expanding the production and use alternative biodegradable bags</i> 4. <i>Improving the legislative framework at the national level</i> 5. <i>Develop international guidance, standards and controls on additives and chemicals of concern</i> 6. <i>Increase investment in plastic waste collection</i>

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) implementation of the extended producer responsibility model accepted at the national level and implementation of its control in cooperation with the relevant state institutions (for example, in cooperation with the Ministry of Environment and the Ministry of Economy)

b) to ensure the effectiveness of the national report, it is necessary to create a database for decision-making. It is useful for parties involved in waste management to provide accurate information.

c) Nowadays, plastics, which are universal materials, were created on the basis of scientific achievements. For the production of materials that are safer, biodegradable and qualitatively competitive with plastics, greater opportunities should be created for the employees of scientific research institutions, and their opinions should be taken into account.

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?*

1. Increase investment in new materials, additives, technologies and product design, as well as safe and sustainable alternatives
2. ensuring access to advanced technologies for low- and middle-income countries

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).

*Promotion citizen campaigns to enhance plastic reuse, segregation and collection rates.
Conducting presentations about the advantages and disadvantages of plastic products in schools and universities with the participation of relevant state institutions. Providing support for researching plastic substitute products.*