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 in 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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name of country (for Members of the committee)</th>
<th>Liberia</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Name of organization (for observers to the committee)</td>
<td>National Old Folks of Liberia (NOFOL)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Contact person and contact information for the submission</td>
<td>Momo Allison Bainda</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Date</td>
<td>24 December 24 2022</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

## I. Substantive elements

### 1. Objective(s)

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

  **Proposed Objective:** National Old Folks of Liberia (NOFOL) objective is to work with relevant stakeholders, such as our Law-makers, key government agencies, private sector, companies that are producing plastic materials, lobby with them, develop a legally binding instrument to stop the used of plastic in Liberia.

  **Explanatory Text:** NOFOL objective for this instrument is to work closely with relevant stakeholders, Law-makers, key Government Ministry and civil society organizations, community leaders, women groups, youth groups, faith base organizations, tradition leaders, and the general public to adopt a petition that will bind the used of plastic nationally and internationally.

### 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?*

  NOFOL will be responsible to develop strategic work plan, work with the media and bring together relevant stakeholders key government Ministry and civil society organizations, community leaders, women groups, youth groups, faith base organizations, tradition leaders, and the general public etc. NOFOL build strong collaboration with other actors work in close partners with organizations with light mined, create platform for dialogue among stakeholders and the public to understand the relevant for to bind plastic in Liberia.

  The actors will come together, develop strategy for training/workshops to be held and support by
UNEP the training will include other actors. And members our National Government to understand the objectives and concur to address the problems of plastic pollution, and to work with NOFOL in developing a petition to the 54 Legislature and the Senate to approve a bill on *plastics pollution and marine environment, throughout* Liberia. The advocacy will bring together law-makers, and other relevant actors to successfully implement projects, that will increase the understanding of the public through the media.

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 ensure the implementation of the instrument we need to develop a petition against plastic pollution in the Marine Environment. we will setup an act-hub committee that will work with other institutions and ensure that the petition is being develop and explain its important, nature to the public and companies who are producing plastic to understand the danger the production of plastic imposes to every sector, including the agriculture sector as it relates to climate change. The smooth implementation of the project is useful at all levels.

B) In order to ensure effectiveness of the instrument, NOFOL and partner organizations must strategize to create awareness to the public.

C) NOFOL and partners will develop strategy that will encourage key actors to get deeply involved in the awareness and advocacy on the elimination of plastic products, and develop a project proposal that will be supported by the UNEP, to eliminate entirely the production of plastic materials that will benefit the entire world.
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?

With respect to the means of implementation NOFOL and its partner organizations need to develop a document in line with the UNEP/PP/INC.1/5 covers with all the following elements. NOFOL will need capacity-building, technical assistance, technology transfer on mutually agreed terms and financial assistance for the smooth implementation of the project. If all the support is given to NOFOL, Accountability will be our hull mark, we will make report for every activity that will be undertaken by the implementer.
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).

Basically the petition that will be writing to our Law-makers will provide all the necessary relevant information, for example the petition will be develop and NOFOL and partner organizations will work with the media to carry out the awareness-raising to the Government and the general public, the project will also encourage institutions such as schools universities to teach studies about the danger of the use of plastic worldwide, the team will carry out research among other stakeholder engagement with other countries in compliance with the Sustainable Development Goals (SGDs) and the 2030 agenda.