



To: UNEP INC Plastic Pollution Acting Secretariat

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Via email

[The Recycling Partnership, Inc.](#) (501c3, United States, UNEP accredited NGO) supports the upcoming May 2022 assembly of the Ad Hoc OEWG in preparation for the development of the INC to negotiate the facets of the international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution.

We applaud the U.S. Department of State for its leadership to date and look forward to continuing participation in open dialogues hosted by this office.

The Recycling Partnership is the lead action agent in the U.S. transforming the circular economy for all materials. We mobilize people, data, and solutions across the value chain to unlock the environmental and economic benefits of recycling and a circular economy. Our action-oriented approach leverages a blended finance model to unlock change faster and be more impactful.

We recognize the importance of and strongly encourage broad stakeholder participation to ensure this process and the outcomes are inclusive, forward-thinking, measurable, and impactful. NGOs in particular play a significant role in insisting and assisting, which is holding entities accountable for environmental goals but also helping them for greatest impact. The Recycling Partnership is prepared to assist our domestic and international partners, government officials, and other critical actors as the groundwork is laid for the INC's negotiations.

Stakeholder involvement must underpin the negotiations, and ultimately the instrument, to ensure that place-based solutions are relevant and accessible to all. This engagement must be well designed from the start and effectively implemented.

The OEWG must establish a set of clear and achievable timelines and expectations for the INC so that the instrument framework to end plastic pollution is bold, science-based, and expedites system-level change at all levels of government and business to protect the environment, human health, and reduce harmful climate impacts. There is no time to waste; thus, the OEWG's recommendations for the INC must include productive mechanisms for efficient framework review, negotiation, and adoption.

We are excited and ready to lean in. Thank you for the opportunity.