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 on 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.
I. Substantive elements

1. Objective(s)

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

Proposed Objective:

- Plastic pollution is a serious issue of global concern which requires an urgent and international response involving all relevant actors at different levels.
- Many initiatives, projects and governance responses and options have been developed to tackle this major environmental problem, but we are still unable to cope with the amount of plastic we generate.
- The plastic pollution varies greatly from one country to the next, both in terms of scale and impacts, it demands coordination which can better lead to a more effective and efficient response.
- Any new global instrument requires carefully designed mechanisms that can effectively address these challenges.
- In particular, technical and financial resources will be needed to support decision-making and assist developing countries and economies in transition to implement the global responses that will be negotiated to address the plastic crisis.
- Leading experts discussed these challenges and provide recommendations on setting up robust financial cooperation and technical assistance mechanisms.

Explanatory Text:
The instant project in hand monitoring and trying to accelerate its preparation by International Movement for Advancement of Education Culture Social & Economic Development (IMAECSED) intend to seeking help of our District pollution control Board, at Dankuni, Hooghly, West Bengal, India with the collection of data from the industry nearby and within the ambit of the pollution control Board (PCB) in collaboration with the local club. At least 10 members are interested to participate and hope to enhance no. of well wishers and social worker and developer We have decided to organize a workshop and training camp to boost up our project proposals before the vast community to raise awareness to the every doo steps why we have to eliminate mass use of plastic.
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?

The basic ideology to reduce plastic pollution in the marine environment, including existing plastic pollution is to promote national and international cooperative measures, voluntary action; develop, implement and update national action plans including marine environment reflecting country-driven approaches to contribute to the full life cycle. Objectives of the instrument; promote national action plans to work towards the prevention, reduction and elimination of plastic pollution, and to support regional and international cooperation; Launch effective campaigning, training, workshops, education for boys and girls, industry, producer and business sector, and for the general public. Create opportunity by publishing leaflets, magazine, e-mail, website, media, etc

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).

The progress of implementation of the instrument and to cope up the objective and obligation in collecting plastic wastes at District level periodically assess the effectiveness of the instrument in achieving its objectives; to provide scientific and socioeconomic assessments related to plastic pollution;

At national level IMAECSED has to contribute for meeting up the objective and obligation to campaign and organize any meetings and for effective reporting to the concern authorities and for the compliance of mandate, the scientific measure of implementation with the cooperation and coordination, quadrennial report from 2022-2025 has to be prepared and submitted to both ECOSOC and UNEP.

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?

Implementation process requires contribution of finance for collection of waste plastic and marine garbage and for a comprehensive approach that addresses the full life cycle of plastic or recycling the process
Effective implementation requires arrangements for capacity-building and technical assistance, technology transfer on mutually agreed terms, adequate financial and technical assistance. Collection of waste plastic and marine garbage and for a comprehensive approach that addresses the full life cycle of plastic or recycling the process. Financial assistance, recognizing that the effective implementation of some legal obligations under the instrument will depend on the availability of capacity-building and adequate financial and technical assistance;

To render our services we need at least three groups who will collect the plastic wastes including all other related activities to done to implement the job and for recycling activities may cost of $30,000 for each group total $90,000 and management including staff and other cost for IMAECSED $115,000 TOTAL comes to $205,000 for nearly six months during 2023.

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).

Implementation to introduce the mechanism for cost effective and human sustainability method. The production and disposal of plastic generates greenhouse gases and hazardous waste and the chemicals it emits are building up on land and in oceans, lakes, rivers, ice, and air, resulting damage to human and ecological health. Most plastic is not recyclable and the vast majority does not biodegrade. It requires to promote research, cost-efficient approaches; the need for a financial mechanism to support the implementation of the instrument, and assessment related to plastic pollution. Any other aspects that the intergovernmental negotiating committee may consider relevant;

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