

**Ad-hoc open-ended working group (OEWG) in view of the Intergovernmental  
Negotiating Committee (INC) on plastic pollution**

• **State of Qatar written submission of recommendations for the organization and sequencing of the work of the INC:**

The state of Qatar welcomes the work carried out by the Open-Ended Working Group and supports efforts aimed at developing a legally binding international instrument on plastic pollution, including the marine environment. To this end, an intergovernmental negotiating committee was established to prepare the drafting of the procedural rules and regulations of the convention, emphasizing the need to focus on addressing pollution for sustainability, in terms of the full life cycle of the substance, while providing support in the development of regulatory policies of countries.

• **Proposed organization of work of the INC plastic pollution**

**General considerations:**

- A comprehensive approach that considers the national circumstances and capabilities of each country, especially for Island and coastal states that depend on the marine environment and its resources in various sectors.
- Flexibility: ensuring the necessary flexibility for developing countries.
- Decisions by consensus: make all possible efforts to reach decisions by consensus and avoid majority voting.
- Priorities, to ensure a comprehensive outcome acceptable to the world community.
- Sustainability: The Convention recognizes the importance of plastics in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and the Environmental Performance Index while monitoring the policies and legislation regulating the continuation of plastic production while ensuring effective management of plastic waste by relying on circular emission approaches, waste management and waste recycling (adopting a circular economy approach).
- Avoid duplication: ensure cooperation, synergy, and coordination with the relevant conventions and instruments to which plastic pollution can be related in one way or another.