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List of relevant resolutions, decisions and reports by the United Nations Environment Programme, other organizations, Member States and Stakeholders

Note by the secretariat

1. The Secretariat is circulating herewith a background document as information for the participants at the First Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open Ended Expert Group, which was established under the United Nations Environment Assembly through its resolution UNEP/EA.3/Res.7. The document was prepared by the Secretariat in consideration of all the submission from Member States and observers to the Meeting by 30 April 2018 in response to the request from the Assembly as expressed in paragraph 10 (b) of UNEP/EA.3/Res.7.
2. Full texts of all the submitted resolutions, decisions and reports are found on the meeting portal in the form and languages in which they were received by the Secretariat.

International and Regional Agreements, Decisions and Resolutions

NO	YEAR	TITLE OF DOCUMENT	LINK
1	1972	Convention on the Protection of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and other Matter	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/1972-prevention_of_marine_pollution_by_dumping-english.pdf
2	1978	Protocol of 1978 Relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/1978-convention-prevention_of_pollution_from_ships.pdf
3	1981	Convention for Co-operation in the Protection and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the West and Central African Region-Protocol Concerning Co-operation in Combating Pollution in Cases of Emergency	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/1981-_convention-west_and_central_africa_region.pdf
4	1981	Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and Coastal Area of the South-East Pacific	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/1981-convention_for_the_south_east_pacific-1.pdf
5	1982	United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/1982-un_convention_on_the_law_of_the_sea.pdf
6	1983	Protocol for the Protection of the South-East Pacific against Pollution from Land-Based Sources	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/1983-protection_of_the_south_east_pacific_from_lbs.pdf
7	1989	Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/1989-basel_convention.pdf
8	1991	Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/1991-onvention_on_environmental_impact_assessment.pdf
9	1992	Convention on Biological Diversity	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/1992-convention_on_biological_diversity-en.pdf
10	1992	Convention on the Protection of the Black Sea against Pollution	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/1992-convention-protection_of_the_black_sea.pdf
11	1995	Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/1995_agreement_on_the_implementation_of_the_law_of_the_sea-p.pdf
12	1995	Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-Based Activities	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/1995-gpa.pdf
13	1996	Protocol to the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter, 1972	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/1996-protocol_to_the_convention_on_the_prevention_of.pdf

14	1997	Convention on the Law of the Non-navigational Uses of International Watercourses	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/1997-law_of_the_non-navigational-international_watercourses.pdf
15	1998	Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/1998-unece-aarhus_convention-cep43e.pdf
16	2001	Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/2003-uneep-liability_and_redress-stockholm_convention.pdf
17	2011	Amendments to the Annex of the Protocol of 1978 Relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/2011-resolution_mepc.20162.pdf
18	2012	Decision Adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity at its Eleventh Meeting XI/18. Marine and coastal biodiversity: Sustainable Fisheries and Addressing Adverse Impacts of Human Activities, Voluntary Guidelines for Environmental Assessment, and Marine Spatial Planning	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/2012-marine_and_coastal_biodiversity-sustainable_fisheries.pdf
19	2012	Protocol for the Protection of the Caspian Sea against Pollution from Land-Based Sources and Activities to the Framework Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Caspian Sea	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/2012-protocol_of_the_caspian_sea-pdf.pdf
20	2013	Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean in the Framework of Article 15 of the Land Based Sources Protocol	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/2013-action_plan_for_marine_litter-mediterranean.pdf
21	2014	Decision Adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity at its Twelve Meeting-XII/23. Marine and coastal biodiversity: Impacts on marine and coastal biodiversity of anthropogenic underwater noise and ocean acidification, priority actions to achieve Aichi Biodiversity Target 10 for coral reefs and closely associated ecosystems, and marine spatial planning and training initiatives	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/2014-cbd-impacts_of_underwater_noise_and_acidification.pdf
22	2016	Decision Adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity-XIII/10. Addressing impacts of marine debris and anthropogenic underwater noise on marine and coastal biodiversity	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/2016-impacts_of_marine_debris_and_underwater_noise.pdf

23	2007	Compliance Procedures and Mechanisms Pursuant to Article 11 of the 1996 Protocol to the London Convention 1972 (Adopted in 2007: LC 29/17, annex 7)	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/2007-imo-compliance_procedures.pdf
24	2012	Basel Convention Compilation of Decisions- Decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention on the Control of Trans-boundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal: COP 6 - 10 and ExCOPs 1	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/2012-basel_convention_on_the_control_of_trans-boundary.pdf
25	2016	Creating Innovative Solutions Through the Basel Convention for the Environmentally Sound Management of Household Waste	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/2016-creating_innovative_solutions_through_basel_conv.pdf
26	2017	Basel Convention Regional and Coordinating Centres	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/2017-basel_convention_regional_and_coordinating_centres.pdf
27	2017	BC-13/17: Work programme and operations of the Open-ended Working Group for the biennium 2018-2019	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/2017-work_programme_and_operations_of_the.pdf
28	2017	World Trade Organization-Regular Notification	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/2017-world_trade_organization-chn1211_1.pdf
29	2017	Resolution Adopted by the General Assembly on 6 July 2017-71/312. Our Ocean, Our Future: Call for Action	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/2017-our_ocean_our_future-n1720756.pdf
30	2008	Decision IG 17/2: Procedures and Mechanisms on Compliance under the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/2008-contracting_parties_to_barcelona_convention.pdf
31	2013	Resolution Adopted by the General Assembly on 9 December 2013-68/70. Oceans and the Law of the Sea	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/2013-unga-ocens_and_the_law_of_the_sea-n1344365.pdf
32	2016	Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 23 December 2016-71/257. Oceans and the Law of the Sea	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/2016-unga-oceans_and_the_law_of_the_sea-n1646662.pdf
33	2017	Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 7 December 2016-71/123. Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/2017-unga-sustainable_fisheries-n1643033.pdf
34	1980	Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution from Land-Based Sources and	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/1980-protection_of_mediterranean_sea_against_pollution.pdf

		Activities	
35	1986	Noumea Convention for the Protection of the Natural Resources and Environment of the South Pacific Region	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/1986-noumea_convention_protocols.pdf
36	1991	Bamako Convention on the Ban of Import into Africa and the Control of Transboundary Movement and Management of Hazardous waste within Africa	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/1991-bamako_convention_on_hazardous_wastes.pdf
37	1991	Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/1991-antarctic_treaty-att006_e.pdf
38	1992	Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/1992-ospar_convention.pdf
39	1992	Convention on the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Baltic Sea Area, 1992 (Helsinki Convention)	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/1992_helsinki_convention_1108.pdf
40	1995	The convention to Ban the Importation into Forum Island Countries of Hazardous and Radioactive Wastes and to Control the Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes within the South Pacific Region (Waigani Convention)	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/1995-waiganiconvention.pdf
41	1999	Protocol Concerning Pollution from Land-Based Sources and Activities to the Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/1999-covention_for_caribbean_region-lbs-protocol-en.pdf
42	2002	Convention for Cooperation in the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Northeast Pacific (Antigua Convention)	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/2002-antigua_convention.pdf
43	2005	Protocol Concerning the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-Based Activities in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/2005-red_sea_and_gulf_of_aden.pdf
44	2012	Additional Protocol to the Abidjan Convention Concerning Cooperation in the Protection and Development of Marine and Coastal Environment from Land-Based Sources and Activities in the Western, Central and Southern African Region	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/2012-abidjan_conventionlbsa_protocol-adopted.pdf
45	2000	Directive 2000/53/Ec of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 September 2000 on end-of life vehicles	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/2000-ec-end_of_life_vehicles.pdf

46	2002	Commission Directive 2002/72/EC of 6 August 2002 relating to plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with foodstuffs	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/2002-commission_directive_2002.72.ec_.pdf
47	2008	Commission Regulation (EC) No 282/2008 of 27 March 2008 on Recycled Plastic Materials and Articles Intended to Come into Contact with Foods and Amending Regulation (EC) No 2023/2006	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/2008-commission_regulation_ec.pdf
48	2008	Directive 2008/56/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 June 2008 Establishing A Framework for Community Action in the Field of Marine Environmental Policy (Marine Strategy Framework Directive)	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/2008-directive_2008.56.ec_.pdf
49	2011	Commission Regulation (EU) No 10/2011 of 14 January 2011 on Plastic Materials and Articles Intended to Come into Contact With Food	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/2011-commissionregulation_eu_no_.10.2011.pdf
50	2005	Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 29 November 2005-60/31. Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/2005-unga-sustainable_fisheries.pdf
51	2012	Manila Declaration on Furthering the Implementation of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/2012-manila_declaration-implementation_of_gpa.pdf
52	2011	Honolulu Strategy	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/2011-honolulu_strategy.pdf
53	2012	Guidelines for the Development of Garbage Management Plans	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/2012-imo-garbage_management_plans-mepc.22063.pdf
54	1995	Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/1995-fao_code_of_conduct_for_responsible_fisheries-a-v9878e.pdf
55	2015	Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 25 September 2015-70/1. Transforming Our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/2015-unga-transforming_the_world.pdf
56	2015	Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, The Council, The European Economic and Social	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/2015-eu_action_plan_for_the_circular_economy.pdf

		Committee and the Committee of the Regions Closing the loop - An EU action plan for the Circular Economy	
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Technical Reports

NO	YEAR	TITLE OF DOCUMENT	LINK
1	2002	Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg Declaration)	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/2002-johannesburg_declaration-n0263693.pdf
2	2003	Workshop on Liability and Redress Held in the Context of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants in Vienna from 19 To 21 September 2002: Report of the Co-Chairs	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/2003-unesp-liability_and_redress-stockholm_convention.pdf
3	2005	Report on the work of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea at its Sixth Meeting	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/2005-unga_report-6th_meeting-n0541401.pdf
4	2009	OPA Responds to Attack from Hydro-Bio Industry	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/opa_responds_to_attack_from_hydro-bio_industry_2009.pdf
5	2009	Marine Litter: Abandoned, Lost or Otherwise Discarded Fishing Gear	https://wedocs.unep.org/rest/bitstreams/13186/retrieve
6	2010	Guideline for Monitoring Marine Litter on the Beaches in the OSPAR Maritime Area	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/beachlitter_guideline_english2010.pdf
7	2013	Guidance on Monitoring of Marine Litter in European Seas	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/guidance_on_monitoring_of_ml_in_european_seas-2013.pdf
8	2013	Benefits and Challenges of Bio- and Oxy-degradable Plastics	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/owsbenefits_and_challenges_of_oxo-biodegradable_plastic.pdf
9	2013	Methodology for Monitoring Macro-Debris (>2.5cm) on Beaches	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/beachlitter_monitoring-methodology.pdf
10	2014	Global Environment Facility Council-Initial Guidelines for Enabling Activities for the Minamata Convention on Mercury	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/2014-gef-minamata_convention_on_mercury.pdf
11	2014	Regional Action Plan for Prevention and Management of Marine Litter in the North-East Atlantic	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/atlantic_mlrap_brochure-2015pdf.pdf
12	2014	OSPAR Commission-Overview and assessment of implementation reports Fishing for Litter (on Recommendation 2010/19)	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/opa_responds_to_attack_from_hydro-bio_industry_2009.pdf
13	2014	Valuing Plastic: The Business Case for Measuring, Managing and Disclosing Plastic Use in the Consumer Goods Industry	http://wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/9238/-Valuing%20plastic%3a%20the%20business%20case%20for%20measuring%2c%20managing%20and%20disclosing%20plastic%20use%20in%20the%20consumer%20goods%20industry-2014Valuing%20plasticsF.pdf?sequence=8&isAllowed=y

14	2015	Sources, fate and effects of microplastics in the marine environment: a global assessment- GESAMP	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/gesamp-sources_fate_and_effects_of_microplastics-2015.pdf
15	2015	“Oxo-Biodegradable” Plastics and Other Plastics with Additives for Degradation	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/oxo-biodegradable_plastics_and_other_plastics_with_ad.pdf
16	2015	Biodegradable Plastics and Marine Litter. Misconceptions, concerns and impacts on marine environments. United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/-biodegradable_plastics_and_marine_litter_misconception.pdf
17	2016	Report on the work of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea at its seventeenth meeting	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/2016-unga-consultative_process_on_the_law_of_the_sea.pdf
18	2016	UNEP (2016). Marine plastic debris and microplastics – Global lessons and research to inspire action and guide policy change. United Nations Environment Programme, Nairobi. (UNEP)	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/global_lessons_and_research_to_inspire_action2016.pdf
19	2016	Plastics Marine Litter and the Circular Economy-Summary for Policy Makers	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/ieep_access_plastics_marine_litter_circular_economy2017pdf.pdf
20	2016	The Impact of the Use of "Oxo-degradable" Plastic on the Environment	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/the_impact_of_the_use_of_oxodegradable_plastic2016.pdf
21	2016	The New Plastics Economy- Rethinking the Future of Plastics	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/ellenmacarthurfoundation_thenewplasticseconomy_2016pdf.pdf
22	2016	Marine Litter Legislation: A Toolkit for Policymakers	http://wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/8630/-Marine_litter_legislation_A_policy_toolkit_for_policy_makers-2016marine_litter_legislation.pdf.pdf?sequence=2&isAllowed=y
23	2016	Marine Litter Vital Graphics	http://wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/9798/-Marine_litter_Vital_graphics-2016MarineLitterVG.pdf.pdf?sequence=3&isAllowed=y
24	2017	Plastics, Marine Litter and Circular Economy-Microbeads – Product Briefings	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/ieep_access_microbeads_product_fiche2017.pdf
25	2017	Plastics, Marine Litter and Circular Economy-Polystyrene– Product Briefings	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/ieep_access_polystyrene_product_fiche-pdf.pdf
26	2017	Plastics, Marine Litter and Circular Economy-Single Use Plastics– Product Briefings	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/ieep_access_product_fiche_single_use_plastics2017.pdf
27	2017	Intentionally added microplastics in products	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/intentionally_added_microplastics_in_products_2017.pdf
28	2017	Decision IG.22/10 Implementing the Marine Litter Regional Plan in the Mediterranean (Fishing for Litter Guidelines, Assessment Report, Baselines Values, and Reduction Targets)	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/marine_litter_regional_plan_in_the_mediterranean.pdf
29	2017	Global Environment Facility Council-Relations with the Conventions and Other International	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/2017-gef-convs_and_other_international_institutions.pdf

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30	2018	A European Strategy for Plastics in a Circular Economy	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/a_european_strategy_for_plastics_in_a_circular_economy2018.pdf
31	2018	Mikroplast i kosmetiska produkter och andra kemiska produkter Rapport från ett regeringsuppdrag	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/sweden_report1.pdf
32	2017	Mikroplaster-Redovisning av regeringsuppdrag om källor till mikroplaster och förslag på åtgärder för minskade utsläpp i Sverige	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/sweden_report2.pdf
33	2016	Förslag till nationellt förbud mot mikrokorn av plast i kosmetiska produkter Rapport från ett regeringsuppdrag, 2016	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/sweden_report3.pdf
34	2014	Decision IG.21/7 Regional Plan on Marine Litter Management in the Mediterranean in the Framework of Article 15 of the Land Based Sources Protocol	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/decision_ig.21-7_marine_litter_mediterranien.pdf
35	2015	Decision IG.22/7 Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/decision_ig.22-7_marine_litter_mediterranien.2015pdf.pdf
36	2015	Marine Litter Assessment in the Mediterranean	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/marine_litter_assessment_in_the_mediterranea-2015.pdf
37	2017	Mediterranean Quality Status Report	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/mediterranean_quality_status_report2017.pdf
38	2013	Monitoring Guidance for Marine Litter in European Seas	https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/monitoring_guidance_for_marine_litter_in_european_seas2013.pdf