

Dear distinguished Delegates,

This is to inform participants of the INC-1 that the Working Group of the Parties to the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (Protocol on PRTRs) considered possible linkages between PRTRs and plastic pollution at its ninth meeting (WGP-9), held last week on 24 and 25 November 2022. The use of PRTRs is mentioned, e.g. under the above Protocol, the Aarhus Convention, the Escazú Agreement, the Stockholm and Minamata Conventions. The definition of “pollution” under the Protocol on PRTRs is listed in document UNEP/PP/INC.1/6.

The outcomes of the WGP-9 meeting may – depending on deliberations regarding the scope of the future instrument – also be relevant for the work of the INC at this or a later meeting. They are available together with a short note on the topic on the [WGP-9 meeting webpage](#). Please share for information ECE/MP.PRTR/WG.1/2022/6 - **Note on possible linkages between pollutant release and transfer registers and plastic pollution**, the note possible linkages between PRTRs and plastic pollution, available at [https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2022-11/ECE\\_MP.PRTR\\_WG.1\\_2022\\_6\\_E\\_0.pdf](https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2022-11/ECE_MP.PRTR_WG.1_2022_6_E_0.pdf) , with in-person participants as appropriate.

Looking forward to interesting discussion and exchange with interested stakeholders - [kristof.doucot@un.org](mailto:kristof.doucot@un.org) ; <https://unece.org/environment-policy/public-participation/prtrs-working-group-parties>

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