



Written Views for the Second Informal In-Person Meeting of Heads of Delegation to the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on Plastic Pollution

The International Air Transport Association (IATA), the trade association for the world's airlines, representing over 370 airlines accounting for some 85% of global air traffic, welcomes the opportunity to provide written views in support of discussions at the Second Informal In-Person Meeting of Heads of Delegation to the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on Plastic Pollution.

Airlines are actively working to reduce, remove and replace problematic and unnecessary single-use plastic products across their operations. As an inherently international sector operating across multiple jurisdictions and regulatory frameworks, aviation has a strong interest in practical, coherent and harmonized implementation approaches. This process provides an opportunity to advance convergence around measures that support the objectives of the future instrument while enabling effective implementation across global value chains.

Cluster B

Promoting greater consistency in product-related measures, requirements, and restrictions across jurisdictions can enhance regulatory clarity, facilitate compliance and support the adoption of sustainable solutions across international value chains.

An important area for further convergence is the use of consistent methodologies to assess alternatives to problematic plastics. Such approaches should consider the full lifecycle of products and materials, including environmental performance, transport-related emissions, operational requirements and end-of-life outcomes, helping to ensure that replacement strategies deliver intended environmental benefits while minimizing unintended consequences.

Greater alignment in standards and implementation practices across value chains can support effective waste management, circularity and practical solutions across international sectors.

Cluster D

Effective implementation will benefit from clear and commonly understood terminology. Internationally consistent definitions and terminology can enhance regulatory certainty, support comparability across jurisdictions and facilitate implementation.

International cooperation, information exchange and the sharing of good practices can foster a common understanding of requirements, reduce unnecessary complexity across global value chains and support more effective application of the instrument. Such approaches can also promote greater consistency across jurisdictions.

Lifecycle thinking and science-based decision-making can play an important role in informing policy development and implementation. Applying consistent methodologies can help ensure that measures to address plastic pollution are based on a comprehensive assessment of environmental impacts and practical implementation considerations.



Consideration should also be given to the circumstances of internationally operating sectors that are subject to specific health, safety, and security regulations.

IATA encourages continued efforts to promote harmonized approaches to definitions, methodologies, and implementation frameworks. Greater consistency across jurisdictions can enhance regulatory clarity, facilitate implementation and support the adoption of practical, scalable solutions, that strengthen the effectiveness of measures to address plastic pollution.