

TEMPLATE FOR PROPOSAL TO CONTACT GROUPS AT INC-5.2

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<i>Explanatory notes outlining how this submission supports the bridging of positions on the issue at hand</i>	In line with UNEA 5/14 resolutions

Proposal on Article 19: One Health Approach (Environment, Human Health and Biodiversity)

1. Parties recognize that plastic pollution contributes to climate change, release harmful chemical additives to the environment that pollute the air, soil and water causing diseases and deaths, destroy natural habitats and accelerate biodiversity loss, and alter the natural ecosystem balance, which poses significant risks to the environment, including human health, and biodiversity.
2. In taking into account Para 1, Parties shall address the challenges of plastic pollution on the environment, including human health and biodiversity by mobilizing finance, technologies and innovations, as well as capacity building, for immediate removal of legacy plastics and phase out of single use plastics (plastics listed in schedule 1).
3. Parties shall commit to undertake further scientific research on the interconnectedness of the impacts of plastic pollution on the environment, human health and biodiversity in order to update the existing knowledge and information gap and urgently address the known effects.