Call for written submissions – Proposed response template on the potential options for elements towards an international legally binding instrument

On 9 December 2022, the Executive Secretary of the INC Plastic Pollution Secretariat sent a notification inviting written submissions from members of the committee and from stakeholders. The template below is intended to provide guidance to members of the committee and stakeholders in structuring the written submissions.

As requested by INC-1, written submissions will inform the secretariat in the preparation of a document with potential options for elements towards an international legally binding instrument, for consideration at the second session of the INC, without in any way prejudging what the committee might decide regarding the structure and provisions of the instrument. The document is to be based on a comprehensive approach that addresses the full life cycle of plastics as called for by UNEA resolution 5/14, including identifying the objective, substantive provisions including core obligations, control measures, and voluntary approaches, implementation measures, and means of implementation.

The template below is meant to assist Members and stakeholders to prepare their written submission as a guide. A number of documents prepared for INC-1 are of relevance, notably UNEP/PP/INC.1/5 on ‘Potential elements, based on provisions in paragraphs 3 and 4 of United Nations Environment Assembly resolution 5/14, including key concepts, procedures and mechanisms of legally binding multilateral agreements that may be relevant to furthering implementation and compliance under the future international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment’.

The template is divided into three sections:

I. Substantive elements
II. Implementation elements
III. Additional input

All written submissions must be sent to unep-incplastic.secretariat@un.org. The statements received will be compiled and made available the INC webpage.

Please note that it is not required for all fields to be answered in the template for submission.

Deadline for submissions:

- 6 January 2023 for written submissions from stakeholders.
- 10 February 2023 for written submissions from Members of the Committee.
Proposed response template (16 December 2022) / INC on Plastic Pollution

TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSIONS

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I. Substantive elements

1. Objective(s)

   a) What objective(s) could be set out in the instrument?

   Proposed Objective:

   ❖ Reduce the amount of plastic entering the ocean.
   ❖ Ultimately reduce the damage caused by plastic pollution to protect marine ecosystem.
   ❖ Re-cycling and reusing the plastic waste collected by using the applicable techniques.

   Explanatory Text:

   ❖ Cooperation in Collect Marine plastic pollution is a project organized by the Somali Sustainable Development Organisation (SOSDO) with the Ministry of Environment and Climate change of Federal Government of Somalia. The project will cover an area estimated 500m of the Mogadishu coastline. About 60 Volunteers, 15 divers and 3 administrators who manage the efficiency and effectiveness will participate and implement of the project.

2. Core obligations, control measures and voluntary approaches

   a) What core obligations, control measures and voluntary approaches would provide a comprehensive approach to addressing plastic pollution, including in the marine environment, throughout the full life cycle in line with the future objective(s) of the instrument?

   a) The core obligations, control measures and voluntary approaches to addressing plastic pollution in the marine environment, the approaches we use are:

   • Beach cleanups involve volunteers picking up plastic debris from the beach and disposing of it properly.
   • Coastal cleanups involve volunteers collecting plastic debris from the shoreline and disposing of it properly.
   • Waste management systems involve divers collecting plastic debris from the ocean and disposing of it properly.
II. Implementation elements

1. Implementation measures

a) How to ensure implementation of the instrument at the national level (eg. role national action plans contribute to meeting the objectives and obligations of the instrument?)

b) How to ensure effectiveness of the instrument and have efficient national reporting?

c) Please provide any other relevant proposals or priorities here on implementation measures (for example for scientific and technical cooperation and coordination as well as compliance).

| a) | Creating of committees to improve maritime environmental protection legislation and giving more force and vigor. |
| b) | Conducting comprehensive studies to evaluate the current situation of marine plastic pollution and submitting reports to the relevant authorities. |
| c) | Comprehensive approach that includes reducing the amount of plastic entering the ocean, investing in research and development of new technologies to clean up existing plastic pollution, and investing in public awareness campaigns. |

2. Means of Implementation

With respect to means of implementation, document UNEP/PP/INC.1/5 covers the following elements: capacity-building, technical assistance, technology transfer on mutually agreed terms and financial assistance.

a) What measures will be required to support the implementation of the instrument?

- Offer training programs for the volunteers and other worker by Instructors and experts.
- Provide protection clothing and the required tools (PPE) for the workers bringing from local market.
- Provide full stack diving instruments (Scuba Gear) for divers.
- Agreements with international waste trader companies (Evreka-Smart Waste Collection Solutions).
- The total cost of this Project is about $372000.
- Agreements with local waste management transport services for disposal the collected plastic wastes (Commercial Waste Management- Mogadishu Services).
III. Additional input

Please provide any other relevant proposals or priorities here (for example introductory elements; awareness-raising, education and exchange of information; research; stakeholder engagement; institutional arrangements and final provisions).

- Offering training programs for the graduate students and other interested partners.
- Public awareness campaigns.
- Publication of the final reports of marine plastic pollution in scientific journals.
- Encourage institutes to carry out similar research and discuss the issue in scientific seminars.