**Proposed response template on written submissions prior to INC-3 (part a)**

At its second session, the intergovernmental negotiating committee (INC) requested the secretariat to invite written submissions on:

- Elements not discussed at INC-2, such as principles and scope of the instrument

INC-2 further requested the secretariat to post any submissions received on the INC website and to prepare a synthesis report of the submissions.

The template below was prepared by the secretariat, in consultation with the Chair, and is meant as a guide to assist Members and Observers in preparing their written submissions.

A number of documents prepared by the secretariat for INC-1 and INC-2 are of relevance to this submission, including:

**UNEA resolution 5/14** on ‘End plastic pollution: towards an international legally binding instrument’

**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’

**UNEP/PP/INC.1/6** on ‘Glossary of key terms’

**UNEP/PP/INC.1/8** on ‘Description of standard articles on final provisions that are typically included in multilateral environmental agreements’

**UNEP/PP/INC.2/4** on ‘Potential options for elements towards an international legally binding instrument, based on a comprehensive approach that addresses the full life cycle of plastics as called for by United Nations Environment Assembly resolution 5/14’

**UNEP/PP/INC.2/INF/4** on ‘Additional information linked to the options for the potential elements towards an international legally binding instrument’

**UNEP/PP/INC.2/INF/7/REV.1** on ‘Information submitted by the Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions’

All written submissions must be sent to [unep-incplastic.secretariat@un.org](mailto:unep-incplastic.secretariat@un.org). As detailed in the mandate, the submissions received will be made available on the INC webpage, a synthesis report of the submissions will also be developed in advance of INC-3.

Please note that not all fields in the template need to be answered in the submission.

**Deadline for submissions:**

I. **By 15 August 2023** for written submissions from **observer** organizations.

II. **By 15 September 2023** for written submissions from **Members** of the Committee.
Elements not discussed at INC-2

1. **Scope**

*What is the proposed scope for the future instrument?*

*Which types of substances, materials, products and behaviors should be covered by the future instrument?*

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*Explanatory Text:*

*Plastics are readily discarded after use and to prevent large volumes of disposal, ways to step up efforts to convert waste to valuable resources are necessary. The plastic waste challenge demands immediate action by member states at INC2, this is exactly our mission: working with our communities to drive action on the ground.*

2. **Principles**

*What principles could be set out in the future instrument to guide its implementation?*

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Other aims were to promote women, youth, children, workers, indigenous, farmers and other groups représentation in UN meetings. Before 1992 representation was dominated by CSOs from the Global North at the detriment of stakeholders from the Global South. The attempt to exclude MGs system is taking us back to the old days where women, indigenous, workers and other stakeholders from the Global South were marginalized. We cannot also have different forms of representation for each treaty or process.

3. Additional considerations

Provide any other relevant inputs, proposals or priorities here that have not been discussed at INC-2 (e.g. preamble; institutional arrangements, including governing body, subsidiary bodies, scientific and technical cooperation and coordination, and secretariat; final provisions including dispute settlements; and if appropriate annexes).

Proposed inputs:

As MGs and as representatives of people we are concerned that the elements of the treaty proposed so far.

Explanatory Text:

● Assume a right-based approach. A treaty will only be of benefit if the rights of people are taken aboard. For example the right of communities to be compensation when negatively and deliberately affected.

● To assume a holistic approach. We need a cradle to the grave approach. The treaty must provide a holistic approach from designing, manufacturing, trading, use and disposal. We see little focus on the manufacturing and trading elements.

● Fails to recognize the social consequences of proposed measures or actions. Social Justice including application of the Just Transition Principle is of paramount importance.

KEY MESSAGES

1. The main focus of the treaty must be on reduction. The plastic crisis won’t be effectively addressed without a cap to plastic production and the phase-out of all problematic and unnecessary plastic products, materials and applications
2. Subsidies in the extraction of oil and gas and plastic production must end
3. Transparency in chemical composition of plastic products must be ensured and a ban must be imposed to chemicals and polymers of concern
4. Producers of plastic should be kept legally accountable for plastic pollution
5. producers like COCA COLA, PEPSI and the like who produce plastic bottles, should add a fee for collecting their bottles, hence an assurance of employment to people who collect plastic bottles
6. Producers should be responsible for the collection of plastics in affected communities, and this should be reflected in the agreement
7. A just transition must be ensured for workers along the life cycle of plastic, including those in informal and cooperative settings
8. Involve NGOs in policy making so that the voice of the people are Amplified, through
National Platforms, local meetings etc
9. Reject the promotion of kilns for burning plastic
10. Recognise the human rights of informal waste collectors to a safe working environment and a living wage
11. Reject the neo-colonial practice of rich nations dumping waste in Africa and Asia on the pretense of “recycling”