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. 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.
TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSIONS (part a)

| Name of country (for Members of the committee) | All-China Environment Federation |
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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?*

**Proposed scope:**

The scope of the future instrument should encompass the full life-cycle of plastics, while also providing a definition for the “full life-cycle of plastics”.

**Explanatory Text:**

*The instrument should cover the entire plastic value chain, including the upstream feedstock (hydrocarbons) oil and gas extraction; bio-based (agriculture); processing polymerization, chemicals; the midstream design and production; distribution; use and consumption; reuse; and the downstream collection; waste management; repair; refurbish; recycling of materials and components; disposal; incineration and landfilling.*

2. **Principles**

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

**Proposed principles:**

1. Principle of equity, including inter-generational equity, gender equality, and shared but differentiated responsibilities.
2. Extended producer responsibility.
3. Principle of total amount control.
5. Principle of diversified participation.

Explanatory Text:

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:
More participation support for NGOs is needed, especially funding and the access to contact groups and other negotiation process of INC and future COP of convention.

Explanatory Text: