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

Potential Areas Identified by the Contact Groups

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

- Any potential areas for intersessional work compiled by the co-facilitators of the two contact groups¹, to inform the work of INC-3.

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.

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

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.

¹ Contact Group 1 focused on Section A: Objective(s). Section B: Substantive Obligations; Contact Group 2 focused on Sections C: Means of Implementation. D: Implementation measures. E: Additional matters as contained in part II of the Annex to document UNEP/PP/INC.2/4.
**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSIONS**

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**Input on the potential areas of intersessional work to inform the work of INC-3 (following the lists compiled by the co-facilitators of the two contact groups)**

**Potential areas for intersessional work**

The list of potential areas for possible intersessional work compiled by the co-facilitators of the two contact groups at INC-2 is set out below. Members and observers may wish to provide input on one or more of these areas.
Inputs relating to potential areas for intersessional work. Please identify clearly which area your input relates to.

**Contact group 1: Objectives and Obligations**

- The intersessional work related to contact group 1 should take into account and build upon the technical and scientific work already performed under the framework of MEAs and other instruments, such as the report on Global Governance of Plastics and Associated Chemicals (Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions, 2023).

- Regional and gender balance must be guaranteed in the composition of these bodies.

**Item 1: Information on definitions of, e.g., plastics, microplastics, circularity**

We encourage the establishment of an article dedicated to definitions, which should be proposed by a Group of Experts and subsequently discussed among Member States and Observers.

**Item 2: Information on criteria, also considering different applications and sectoral requirements, including:**

a. Chemical substances of concern in plastics,

b. Problematic and avoidable plastic polymers and products and related applications

c. Design e.g. for circularity, reuse

d. Substitutes and alternatives to plastic polymers and products

- The focus of the intersessional work should be on establishing criteria for elaborating annexes on limitations of polymers and chemicals of concern, due to the large number of substances used in plastic production.

- Intersessional work should address the need to complement criteria and processes decided under other MEAs and instruments.

- The criteria should address identification and classification of hazardous chemicals in plastic manufacturing, use, reuse and recycling.

- Intersessional work should prioritize high-leakage and single use plastic applications.

**Item 3: Potential substances of concern in plastics, problematic and avoidable plastic polymers and products**

- Intersessional work should be supported by an independent and geographically representative and gender balanced Expert Group, to analyze concrete topics and propose a list of polymers and...
chemicals of concern to the contact group, taking into consideration the example of the Technical Committees of the Montreal Protocol.

- A declaration of conflict of interest, research finance sources and other features that can compromise the independence of experts should be requested for the expert’s appointment.

- In the matter of substances of concern, Chile supports the use of Annexes to the Treaty, allowing for a “start-and-strengthen” and tailored approach of substances in different sector and product applications.

Item 4: Potential sources of release of microplastics (applications and sectors).

Contact group 2: Means of Implementation

Item 1: To consider the potential role, responsibilities and composition of a science and technical body

- Establish a Scientific and Technical body to support the implementation of the future instrument, with specific emphasis on the continuous work revising polymers and chemicals of concern and problematic and avoidable plastic products, based on scientific information. This body should take gender balance and regional representation into consideration.

- Intersessional work related to Contact Group 1 should be supported by an Expert Group.

- It is important to closely coordinate the work of the scientific and technical body on plastic pollution to the Science Policy Panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution, under establishment as a result of UNEA Resolution 5/8.

Item 2: To consider potential scope of and guidance for National Action Plans [including optional and/or suggested elements]

- Intersessional work on National Action Plans, acknowledging the need for adaptation to the local context and accompanying the definition of criteria and scope as well as technical assistance and funding.

Item 3: To identify current provisions within existing MEAs [and other instruments] on cooperation and coordination that could be considered.
Item 4: To consider how other MEAs provide for monitoring, and suggest best practices.

Chile is strongly in favor of organizing intersessional work on the revision of best practices within existing MEAs and other instruments in several aspects:

- Institutional arrangements, including good practices in Secretariat coordination or joint secretariat among several MEAs.
- Compliance mechanisms.
- Science, technology and innovation cooperation, with specific emphasis on joint funding mechanisms.
- Funding arrangements for the implementation of the future instrument.

Item 5: To consider options to define ‘technology transfer on mutually agreed terms’

Item 6: To further consider how a potential financing mechanism could work [including a new standalone mechanism, a hybrid mechanism, or an existing mechanism]

Item 7: To identify options to mobilize and align private and innovative finance (including in relation to matters at 24(e) and the proposed Global Plastic Pollution Fee (GPPF))

Item 8: To map current funding and finance available [to address plastic pollution] and determine the need for financial support for each Member

Item 9: To identify capacity building and training needs for each Member.

As indicated in the Principles, Chile identifies the importance of good practices and experiences learned from other existing environmental agreements, specifically in relation to their training, courses, internships and all kinds of interactions with State parties, as executors of the policies indicated in the respective treaties.