Elements not discussed at INC-2

Introduction

In July 2023, more than 750 young people (ages 10-25) gathered at Planeteer Alliance Summits held in 26 locations around the world to develop action plans to turn the tide on plastic in their communities and around the world. As part of those gatherings, participants were asked to provide responses to the questions posed in this written submission invitation. The submission below is the compilation and synthesis of the responses provided by more than 250 young people from 9 nations who have committed themselves to take action starting in their own communities. This submission is made on behalf of the full Planeteer global community, more than 1500 strong, who are rightfully impatient for change and putting that impatience into action around the world.

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 international legally-binding instrument was set forth in UNEP/EA.5/Res.14 - “To develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment, …which could include both binding and voluntary approaches, based on a comprehensive approach that addresses the full life cycle of plastic.”

Explanatory Text:
While we agree that further definition is needed, the Planeteer community agrees with two key elements of this statement -- that the instrument needs to apply to the FULL life cycle of plastic
(from extraction of chemical components to disposal and reclamation); and that it needs to address impacts of plastic in all environments, including the marine environment.

Addressing the full life cycle of plastic demands that we rethink product design and production, and we rethink a consumer market. We would point to single-use plastic items as the worst example of both the production and consumption aspects of our linear economy. And while it can be easy to point to consumers as the problem and say that people can make other choices, we know how difficult and untrue this is. We believe responsibility for reimagining and transforming products and our economy do not pollute our earth and bodies lies with producers. And in places where people are dependent on single-use plastic items for potable water and other essentials, we need to prioritize investment in infrastructure to eliminate our reliance on single-use plastics.

We also want to emphasize the recognition in UNEP/EA.5/Res.14 that plastic pollution includes microplastics, and would expect the instrument to include provisions for remediating the impacts of these legacy plastics, including ghost nets polluting our seas.

Finally, we would encourage the treaty to include resources to continue scientific study of the long-lasting impacts of plastic, including on phytoplankton.

### 2. Principles

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

**Proposed principles:**
- Intergenerational responsibility
- Justice & equity
- Extended producer responsibility
- Producer pays
- Sustainable Development Goals

**Explanatory Text:**
The Planeteer Alliance is a global community of young people (10-25) who are putting our impatience for change into action for the climate and planet. The first plastic straw ever produced has been on earth longer than any of us, and at this rate, will probably still be here when we are gone. In the time since our youngest Planeteers have been on Earth, probably 3.4 BILLION TONS of plastic has been thrown away. We inherited a very large problem, but we are not willing to accept it as our fate, nor are we willing to pass it on to our future children. We are working HARD in our communities around the world to turn the tide on plastic by changing policy, encouraging different behaviors, and supporting and pressuring businesses to do better. This treaty is the global policy moment we have been hoping for -- a real enforceable way to stop the plastic that is pouring into our environment.
As a global community with Planeteers in all parts of the world, we have seen the disproportionate impacts of plastic pollution in some of our communities and nations versus others. In the Planeteer Alliance, we maintain HEART as our centering element, which reminds us to pay attention to who is being disproportionately impacted by problems and why; and to ensure justice and equity in the solutions we design. Through discussions of what drives each of us to work to address the problem of plastic pollution, several of our friends have had family members get sick and die as a result of incinerating plastic -- plastic that may have been imported from some of our other Planeteer’s more developed nations. We recognize that the burden of plastic pollution is not distributed equally, and we believe that the nations and corporations that have contributed the most to the problem should be expected to contribute the most to the solution.

The Planeteer community supports the inclusion of Extended Producer Responsibility and Producer Pays principles in this treaty. Corporations are the producers of plastic, and therefore should be responsible for their products and the impacts of their products. As part of EPR, we support efforts to transition to a circular economy where products are designed for durability, and recycling and reclamation is standard business.

Finally, the Planeteer community, as a global community, believes the Sustainable Development Goals are an important guiding framework for global collaboration, and this treaty should explicitly demonstrate alignment with relevant SDG goals, particularly SDG 3, 12, and 14.

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:**

- Meaningful inclusion of youth voice in proceedings

**Explanatory Text:**

We did not ask to inherit a world where plastic may outweigh fish by the year 2050. And we certainly will not allow inaction on plastics and its impacts to continue. But, there are few seats available at the table for youth to be heard and as we say, “we may make up 40% of the population today, but we are 100% of the future.” The current INC-3 registration has a minimum age limit of 18 years old, which is a hard barrier for meaningful youth inclusion. We would ask you to consider lowering or eliminating this age limit (COP has a minimum age of 16 with adult chaperones, so it appears possible).

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