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

Potential Areas Identified by the Contact Groups

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Inputs relating to potential areas for intersessional work. Please identify clearly which area your input relates to.

The International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA) and World Plastics Council (WPC) support governments engaging in intersessional work as agreed to by member states during the INC meetings. It is important that intersessional work not prejudge the outcome of the negotiations. Below are comments on some of the potential areas for intersessional work.

Recommended areas for intersessional work

- **Contact Group 1**
  - Item 1 - Information on definitions of, e.g., plastics, microplastics, circularity, pollution
    - As governments move through the INC process, it is important to have a shared understanding of key terms to avoid confusion and misinterpretation of provisions.
    - Such work should be consistent with the purpose of the future instrument.
    - Governments should consider the work of existing multilateral environmental agreements as well as voluntary consensus standards bodies to ensure alignment and avoid duplication.
  - Items 2, 3, & 4
    - As governments reach agreement on the need for common provisions or criteria for inclusion in the global instrument, the plastics industry is eager to provide information to support government deliberations.

- **Contact Group 2**
  - Item 3 & 4 - To identify current provisions within existing multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs), and other instruments, on cooperation and coordination that could be considered. To consider how other MEAs provide for monitoring and suggest best practice.
    - It is important for governments to understand the landscape of current provisions and authorities of existing MEAs to avoid duplication and replicate successful models of cooperation and coordination.
  - Item 5 - To consider options to define “technology transfer on mutually agreed terms”.


Governments should consider engaging the private sector in intersessional work to determine options for defining technology transfer on mutually agreed terms given the potential role of the private sector in transferring such technology.

Governments should consider how other MEAs define ‘technology transfer on mutually agreed terms’ as well as the linkages between capacity building and technology transfer.

- Items 6, 7, & 8 - To further consider how a potential financing mechanism could work. 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)). To map current funding and finance available [to address plastic pollution] and determine the need for financial support for each Member.
  - A robust financing mechanism is critical to effective implementation of the global agreement. The INC should provide direction to governments to ensure intersessional work does not prejudge the outcome of the negotiations.

- Item 9 - To identify capacity building and training needs for each Member.
  - Capacity building will be a critical element of a successful global agreement. Understanding the capabilities and needs of member states will support governments in developing effective provisions for the global agreement.