



TEMPLATE A

Written Submission

To the Third session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC-3) for the development of an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment

Submitted in accordance with the proposed template.

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Elements not discussed at INC-2

2. Principles

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

Proposed principle:

- *Recognizing* the important role international standards can have in the implementation of this [instrument];

Explanatory Text:

International standards are globally agreed best ways of doing something. They provide definitions, methodologies, measurement criteria, conformity assessment and other tools that lay a common foundation for implementation and credibility of global action on plastic pollution.

Inclusion of such a principle acknowledges standards as existing tools that are already being actively used by public and private sectors to combat plastic pollution, including in regulation and certification. The use of international standards ensures harmonized implementation that is based on latest best practices and on thorough technical expertise. In addition, international standards do not create technical barriers to trade, allowing States to implement the obligations of the ILBI while conforming with the WTO TBT Agreement and promoting sustainable trade.