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.

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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.

**Contact group 1:**

1. Information on definitions of, e.g. plastics, microplastics, circularity
   i. Definitions, including problematics and avoidable plastics
   Plastic products are products made wholly or partly of plastic materials such as plastic polymers, intentional and nonintentional additives.
2. Information on criteria, also considering different applications and sectoral requirements, including:
   i. Criteria to identify specific problematic and avoidable plastics for ban, phase out, reduce or control the production, sale, distribution, trade and use.
   ii. Criteria to determine and prioritize problematic and avoidable plastics.

*(Please note: A longer list is included in the co-facilitators report on discussions in contact group 1 ². Submissions may also include input on any of the items in that longer list, such as, amongst others, the development of criteria to prioritise problematic and avoidable plastics; the development of targets for the reduction, reuse and repair of problematic and avoidable plastic products; or the guidelines on EPR)*

- Development of targets for the reduction, reuse and repair of problematic and avoidable plastic products.

This can be implemented through approaches such as;
- Setting up National reduction targets.

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² The report can be accessed here: [https://wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/42621/CG1.pdf](https://wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/42621/CG1.pdf)
- End market incentives for plastics, additives and feedstocks, including subsidies
- Plastics tax.
- Phase out non-essential products and uses (including primary micro-plastics)
- Quotas for reusable products and industrial Packaging.
- Scale up reusable alternatives to plastic.
- Guidelines on EPR specifically working (with experts’ group).

**Proposed studies to be carried out by the Secretariat for CG1:**

- A comprehensive study on impacts of plastics particularly micro plastics (major sources and hotspots)
- Compilation of existing standards on the sustainability of alternatives and which could be reflected in design criteria.
- Definitions and criteria for circularity.
- Compile existing standards and certifications that verify plastic circularity (including the participation of CSOs in the development of a national road map for a circular economy).
- Criteria for assessing alternatives include that are economically and environmentally sound and sustainable.
Contact Group 2:

1. To consider the potential role, responsibilities and composition of a science and technical body [to support negotiation and/or implementation of the agreement]

2. To consider potential scope of and guidance for National Action Plans

3. [including optional and/or suggested elements]

4. To identify current provisions within existing MEAs [and other instruments] on cooperation and coordination that could be considered

5. To consider how other MEAs provide for monitoring, and suggest best practice

6. To consider options to define ‘technology transfer on mutually agreed terms

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

8. To identify options to mobilise and align private and innovative finance (including in relation to matters at 24(e) and the proposed Global Plastic Pollution Fee (GPPF))

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

10. To identify capacity building and training needs for each Member.

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

- To consider the potential role, responsibilities, and composition of a science and technical body (the body should be free from conflict of interest with corporations with a financial stake in the life cycle of plastics and hosted by the Secretariat with representation at the national focal points)

- To consider potential scope of and guidance for National Action Plans.

The development and implementation of NAPs should be guided by the following key components;

✓ Participatory assessment and development with elements addressing the full plastics life cycle, including production, trade, use, and environmentally sound waste management

✓ Transparent reporting and disclosure of NAPs, including implementation, for evaluation by the governing body.

✓ Harmonized standards and guidelines for environmentally sound plastic waste management.

✓ Sustainable and robust financial mechanism.

✓ Effective capacity building for national action planning and implementation.