

Proposed approach to the work of the intergovernmental negotiating committee (INC) developing an international instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment

Summary of considerations:

- UNEA 5/14 paragraph 1: “...with the ambition to complete its work by the end of 2024...”.
- General preference for five day INC meetings but can adjust the length of meetings as the INC process develops.
- Provide sufficient time to allow for regional consultations prior to each meeting – subject to availability of resources.
- Draft rules of procedure: rule 17 – “...including the preparation and distribution of documents at least six weeks in advance of the sessions...”.
- Minimum required time for editing and translation of documents is six weeks.

Proposed timetable for INC meetings¹

Meeting	Nominal Timeline
INC1	Week of 28 November 2022
INC2	End of April 2023
INC3	End of November 2023
UNEA 6	Week of 26 February 2024 (The UNEP Executive Director to report on progress)
INC4	Early May 2024
INC5	Early December 2024

Proposed List of Documents for INC1:

- A. Documents to be forward from the OEWG:
- Draft **rules of procedure** for the INC
 - Report of the OEWG
 - Proposed timetable for INC meetings
- B. Standard meeting documents:
- Provisional Agenda

¹ Strive to avoid clashes with other related international meetings.

- ii. Annotated provisional agenda
- iii. Scenario note

C. Documents proposed by the OEWG for INC1²

- i. Glossary of key terms
- ii. Broad options for structure of the instrument, taking into account paragraphs 3 and 4 of UNEA resolution 5/14
- iii. Potential elements, based on provisions in paragraphs 3 and 4 of UNEA resolution 5/14; including key concepts, procedures, and mechanisms of legally binding multilateral agreements that may be relevant to furthering implementation and compliance under the future instrument on plastic pollution
- iv. An overview of existing funding currently available for addressing plastic pollution through international funding arrangements, including from other processes, programmes, multilateral funds, development banks and private sector initiatives
- v. Description of standard articles on final provisions that are typically included in multilateral environmental agreements
- vi. An overview of information ‘to promote cooperation and coordination with relevant regional and international conventions, instruments and organizations, while recognizing their respective mandates, avoid duplication and promoting complementarity of action’ (UNEA resolution 5/14 paragraph 3(k))
- vii. An overview of stakeholder engagement frameworks under other instruments, and potential approaches for this instrument
- viii. Plastics science – monitoring, sources of plastic pollution, chemicals used in manufacturing, flows across the life cycle, pathways in the environment, health and other impacts, solutions, technologies and costs
- ix. Listing of existing information for policy makers, building on UNEP/PP/OEWG/1/INF/3
- x. Priorities, needs, challenges and barriers, especially in developing countries, along with an overview of national measures, based on submissions from Member States.

² The production of a number of these documents will require timely responses to requests for information from Member States and stakeholders.