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.
- Regional meetings will play an important facilitative role in the INC process.
- 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.

Five negotiating sessions before the end of 2024:

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Proposed List of Documents for INC1:

A. Documents to be forward from the OEWG:
   i. Draft rules of procedure for the INC
   ii. Report of the OEWG
   iii. Proposed timetable for INC meetings

B. Standard meeting documents:
   i. Provisional Agenda
   ii. Annotated provisional agenda
   iii. Scenario note
C. Documents proposed by the OEWG for INC1:

iv. Glossary of key terms

v. Options for structure

vi. Suggested elements, 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

vii. 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

viii. Description of standard articles on final provisions that are typically included in multilateral environmental agreements

ix. Interactions with, and mandates of, other relevant bodies, and opportunities for synergies

x. An overview of stakeholder engagement frameworks under other instruments, and potential approaches for this instrument

xi. Plastics science—monitoring, sources, pathways, impacts, solutions and costs

xii. Compendium of information for policy makers

xiii. Priorities, needs and barriers (challenges) of developing countries.