

Implementation of UNEA resolution 5/14 – "End plastic pollution: Towards an international legally binding instrument"

Briefing to the subcommittee meeting of the CPR

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UNEA calls for development of international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment

- Resolution specifies:
 - Based on a comprehensive approach that addresses full life cycle of plastic
 - Could include both binding and voluntary approaches
 - Taking into account the Rio Declaration and national circumstances and capabilities.
- Preparatory OEWG took place from 30 May to 1 June in Dakar, Senegal
- Intergovernmental negotiating committee (INC):
 - Starting work during the second half of 2022
 - Completing by the end of 2024



Key outcomes of OEWG, 30 May to 1 June in Dakar

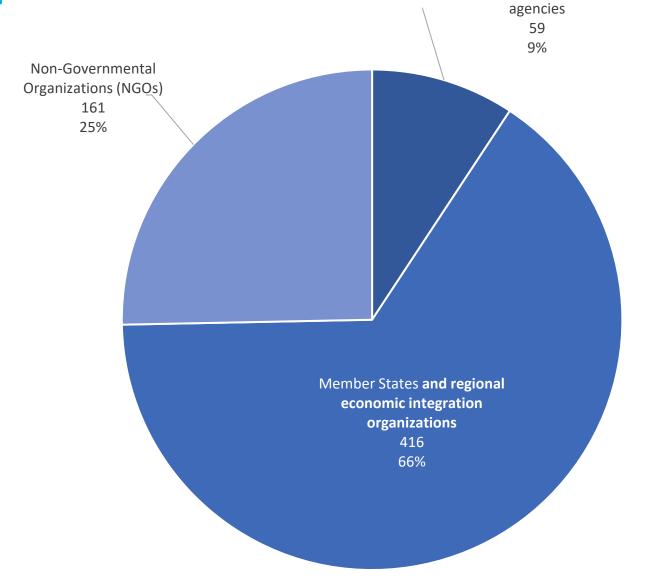
- Indicative date (week of 28 November 2022) and host (Uruguay) for INC1
- Guidance to the secretariat in the preparation of documents for INC1
- Recommendations to the INC:
 - o five sessions of the INC
 - nominal timetable for sessions
 - clean Rules of Procedure (except Rule 37 (Voting rights) is bracketed)
- Series of multi-stakeholder dialogues convened stakeholders on key topics





Participation at OEWG

Intergovernmental Organisations Observers (IGOs), MEAs and other UN





Documentation to be prepared for INC-1

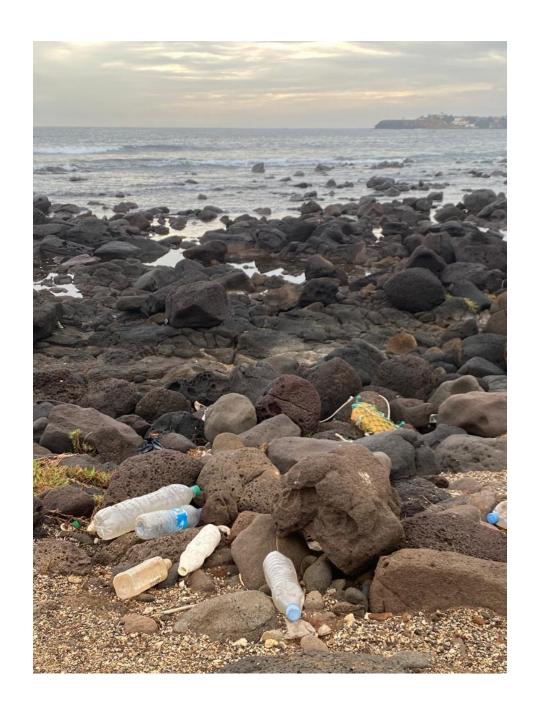
- 1. Glossary of key terms
- 2. Broad options for structure of the instrument
- 3. Potential elements; including key concepts, procedures, and mechanisms that may be relevant to implementation and compliance
- 4. Overview of existing funding available
- 5. Description of standard articles on final provisions included in multilateral environmental agreements
- 6. Information to promote cooperation & coordination with other conventions, instruments & organizations
- 7. Overview of stakeholder engagement frameworks under other instruments and potential approaches
- 8. 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
- 9. Listing of existing information for policy makers, building on UNEP/PP/OEWG/1/INF/3
- 10. Priorities, needs, challenges and barriers, an overview of national measures



Letter to Member States (24 June 2022)

- Requests designation of National Focal Points via a Note Verbale or an official nomination letter by 30 July
- Update on funding support to implement UNEA resolution 5/14.
- Requests regions to designate INC Bureau Members by 30 July
- Requests submissions by 15 July on:
 - sequencing and organization of INC
 - ii. substantive issues in preparation of documentation for INC-1, in particular, potential elements of the future instrument as well as priorities, needs, challenges and barriers and overview of national measures
 - iii. content and considerations for the preparation of multi-stakeholder forum
- Provided an updated of the establishment of INC secretariat





Thank you

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