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**Intergovernmental negotiating committee to develop  
an international legally binding instrument on plastic  
pollution, including in the marine environment  
First session**

Punta del Este, Uruguay, 28 November–2 December 2022

## **Proposed timetable for the intergovernmental negotiating committee process**

### **Introduction**

1. In its resolution UNEP/EA.5/Res.14, the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) requested the Executive Director of UNEP to convene an intergovernmental negotiating committee, to begin its work during the second half of 2022, with the ambition of completing its work by the end of 2024. The same resolution requested the Executive Director to convene a diplomatic conference of plenipotentiaries upon completion of negotiations by the intergovernmental negotiating committee, for the purpose of adopting the instrument and opening it for signature.
2. An ad hoc open-ended working group met in Dakar from 30 May to 1 June 2022 to prepare for the work of the intergovernmental negotiating committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment. The ad hoc open-ended working group agreed on a proposed approach to the work of the intergovernmental negotiating committee, where a proposed timetable for INC meetings was included.
3. The annex to the present note sets out a timetable for the intergovernmental negotiating committee process, taking into account the outcome from the ad hoc open-ended working group and the offers received by the secretariat to host the future intergovernmental negotiating committee sessions.

## Annex

### Proposed timetable for the intergovernmental negotiating committee process

#### Confirmed sessions

<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Host</i>
OEWG	30 May to 1 June 2022	Senegal
INC1	28 November to 2 December 2022	Uruguay

#### Nominal timetable for future sessions<sup>1</sup>

<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Nominal Timeline</i>	<i>Host offers</i>
INC2	April/May 2023	France
INC3	Week of 20 November 2023	UNEP headquarters
UNEA 6	Week of 26 February 2024 (The UNEP Executive Director to report on progress)	
INC4	Early April 2024	Canada
INC5	October/November 2024	tbc
Diplomatic Conference of Plenipotentiaries	Mid 2025	Ecuador, Rwanda, Senegal

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<sup>1</sup> Other offers the secretariat has received to host one of the INCs are from Chile, Kenya, Rwanda, and South Korea.