

## **Call for written submissions – Proposed response template on the potential options for elements towards an international legally binding instrument**

On 9 December 2022, the Executive Secretary of the INC Plastic Pollution Secretariat sent a notification inviting written submissions from members of the committee and from observers. The template below is intended to provide guidance to members of the committee and observers in structuring the written submissions.

As requested by INC-1, written submissions will inform the secretariat in the preparation of a document with potential options for elements towards an international legally binding instrument, for consideration at the second session of the INC, without in any way prejudging what the committee might decide regarding the structure and provisions of the instrument. The document is to be based on a comprehensive approach that addresses the full life cycle of plastics as called for by UNEA resolution 5/14, including identifying the objective, substantive provisions including core obligations, control measures, and voluntary approaches, implementation measures, and means of implementation.

The template below is meant to assist Members and Observers to prepare their written submission as a guide. A number of documents prepared for INC-1 are of relevance, notably UNEP/PP/INC.1/5 on 'Potential elements, based on provisions in paragraphs 3 and 4 of United Nations Environment Assembly 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 international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment'.

The template is divided into three sections:

- I. Substantive elements
- II. Implementation elements
- III. Additional input

All written submissions must be sent to [unep-incplastic.secretariat@un.org](mailto:unep-incplastic.secretariat@un.org). The statements received will be compiled and made available the INC webpage.

Please note that it is not required for all fields to be answered in the template for submission.

### **Deadline for submissions:**

- 6 January 2023 for written submissions from observers.
- 10 February 2023 for written submissions from Members of the Committee.

## TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSIONS

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### I. Substantive elements

#### 1. Objective(s)

*a) What objective(s) could be set out in the instrument?*

#### **Proposed Objective:**

To protect human health and the environment from plastic pollution and promote non-toxic circular economy for plastics based on a comprehensive approach that addresses the full life cycle of plastics, taking into account national circumstances and capabilities.

#### **Explanatory Text:**

The ultimate goal of the treaty is to end plastic pollution, with a view to protect human health and environment, in this regard the proposed objective of the treaty should reflect broad ambition of preventing public health and environment across the entire chain of plastics while taking into account the national circumstances and capabilities.

In addition, the following element should be added:

- Setting out measures to reduce production and use of plastic
- Setting out measures to promote alternative technologies including technology transfer between parties
- Promoting sustainable production and consumption and circular economy approaches to address plastic pollution, including resource efficiency, product design and reuse that retain plastics in the economy.

## 2. Core obligations, control measures and voluntary approaches

- a) *What core obligations, control measures and voluntary approaches would provide a comprehensive approach to addressing plastic pollution, including in the marine environment, throughout the full life cycle in line with the future objective(s) of the instrument?*

### **Core obligation and control measures**

In order to reflect the broad ambition to end plastic pollution including marine environment, the following core obligation and control measures needs to be included in the instrument:

- Setting measures to facilitate tracking of plastic feedstocks, polymers, recyclates
- Mechanisms to facilitate Tracking of the ingredients of plastics
- phasing down production, use and trade of toxic plastic products
- Mechanisms to reduce and where feasible phase out the production, consumption and trade of specific products, polymers or additives.
- Mechanisms for promoting biodegradable technologies for production of plastics packaging for medical devices, industrial products, construction industry, agricultural sector, food processing or sanitary and waste management
- Mechanisms for promoting sound management of toxic plastics
- Mechanisms for prohibition or effective control of specific plastic products, including single-use plastics, where alternatives are available, accessible and affordable.
- Mechanisms for Controlling Transboundary movement of plastic waste including synergies with the Basel Convention and the Bamako Convention for the African region

### **Voluntary approaches**

- Setting provisions to support countries in terms of financial and technical to implement existing initiatives undertaken including promoting 3Rs (Reuse, Recover, Recycle) concept and extended producers' responsibilities.

## II. Implementation elements

### 1. Implementation measures

- a) *How to ensure implementation of the instrument at the national level (eg. role national action plans contribute to meeting the objectives and obligations of the instrument?)*
- b) *How to ensure effectiveness of the instrument and have efficient national reporting?*
- c) *Please provide any other relevant proposals or priorities here on implementation measures (for example for scientific and technical cooperation and coordination as well as compliance).*

United Republic of Tanzania aligns itself with the Africa Group on the proposed means of implementation of legally binding instrument. The measures proposed by Africa Region are as follows

- National Action Plans
- National reporting
- Monitoring & effectiveness evaluation

#### **4. Means of Implementation**

With respect to means of implementation, document UNEP/PP/INC.1/5 covers the following elements: capacity-building, technical assistance, technology transfer on mutually agreed terms and financial assistance.

a) *What measures will be required to support the implementation of the instrument?*

##### **Financial mechanism**

The need for putting in place a dedicated multilateral fund to support implementation of the instrument to be developed is of significance relevance, taking into account that developing countries still need adequate technical and financial support achieving broad ambition to end plastic pollution. In this regard, there should be mechanisms to ensure access to financing in terms of grants to support implementation of the instrument; and promote multilateral cooperation for effective management of financial mechanisms to be established.

##### **Technical assistance**

Technical assistance in terms of provision of guidance in undertaking national assessment on production and consumptions pattern of plastic including undertaking of inventory of plastic, best practice on sound management of plastic waste and mechanisms for technology transfer among countries will help in achieving goal of the instrument to be developed.

### **III. Additional input**

Please provide any other relevant proposals or priorities here (for example introductory elements; awareness-raising, education and exchange of information; research; stakeholder engagement; institutional arrangements and final provisions).

