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

Paris, 29 May–2 June 2023

Item 3(d) of the provisional agenda*

Organizational matters: Dates and venues of subsequent sessions of the
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Note by the secretariat

1. In its resolution 5/14, 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.
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 and agreed on a proposed approach to the work of the intergovernmental negotiating committee, where a proposed timetable for INC meetings was included for consideration at the first session of the intergovernmental negotiating committee.
3. The committee agreed at its first session to hold its second session in Paris in May 2023, also took note of the offers to host its future sessions; and acknowledged the offers to host the Diplomatic Conference of Plenipotentiaries.
4. The annex to the present note sets out dates and venues of subsequent sessions of the intergovernmental negotiating committee, taking into account the approach and timetable for the intergovernmental negotiating committee meetings, brought forward from the ad hoc open-ended working group and the first session of the committee.

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Annex

Dates and venues of subsequent sessions of the intergovernmental negotiating committee

Sessions to date

<i>Session</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Host</i>
OEWG	30 May to 1 June 2022	Senegal
INC-1	28 November to 2 December 2022	Uruguay
INC-2	29 May to 2 June 2023	France

Future intergovernmental negotiating committee sessions

<i>Session</i>	<i>Nominal Timeline</i>	<i>Proposed number of days of the negotiating session</i>	<i>Host offers</i>
INC-3	13 - 18 November 2023	6	Kenya
UNEA-6	Week of 26 February 2024 (The UNEP Executive Director to report on progress)		
INC-4	April/May 2024	Could be up to 10 days (tbc)	Canada
INC-5	October/November 2024	Could be up to 10 days (tbc)	Republic of Korea

Diplomatic Conference of Plenipotentiaries

UNEA resolution 5/14 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. The secretariat has received offers to host the diplomatic conference of plenipotentiaries from Ecuador, Peru, Rwanda and Senegal. The hosting decision for the diplomatic conference of plenipotentiaries will be made at a later date.