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Dear Madam/Sir,

The Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment, is pleased to invite you to a series of **online technical webinars** that will be organised in the lead up to the second session of the INC, scheduled **to take place from 29 May to 2 June 2023** at the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Headquarters in Paris, France.

All the webinars will be in **English only**, and no simultaneous translation will be provided. A total of six webinars will be held over several weeks, starting on 28 April 2023. The purpose of these webinars is to contribute to informing the discussions of the INC-2.

The series will include a technical briefing on the document with potential options for elements towards an international legally binding instrument, which will be issued by the INC Secretariat soon. Another session will address the organization of work at INC-2. In addition, four thematic webinars will be devoted to substantive topics relevant to the negotiations. These topics have been selected to cover a broad range of issues, based on the interests expressed by members of the Committee. These events are conceived to provide a deep dive on topics that will also be part of the thematic side events at INC-2.

The webinars will include initial presentations, followed by a short question-and-answer session.

#### **Date and Time**

- Friday, April 28, 2023, 15:00-16:30 EAT
- Thursday, May 4, 2023, 16:00-17:30 EAT
- Wednesday, May 10, 2023, 14:00 -15:30 EAT
- Thursday, May 11, 2023, 14:00-15:30 EAT
- Tuesday, May 16, 2023, 13:00-14:30 EAT
- Wednesday, May 17, 2023, 14:00-15:30 EAT

#### **List of technical webinars**

##### **Webinar 1: Technical briefing on the Potential Options for Elements document**

This session will present the Potential Options for Elements document prepared by the Secretariat in consultation with the Chair of the INC for consideration at INC-2 as mandated by the International

Negotiating Committee at INC-1 (to be circulated). This session will aim at familiarizing delegates with the working document ahead of the second session of the intergovernmental negotiating committee.

**Webinar 2: Science informing decision-making**

This session will focus on the science and knowledge informing our understanding of plastic pollution, and on the use of scientific data and methodologies to inform policymaking and support decisions informed by the best available knowledge. This will include a consideration of aspects relevant to the development or implementation of baselines or indicators in respect of problematic substances, and a presentation of existing instruments that could inform the development of the future international legally binding instrument.

**Webinar 3: Control measures for sustainable consumption and production: addressing unnecessary and problematic plastics, including single-use or short-lived plastics and plastic products, and shifting to sustainable alternatives**

This session will present actions to promote sustainable consumption and production, including through banning, phasing out or controlling to reduce the use of problematic plastic products, with a focus on single-use plastics, and towards the development of more sustainable solutions, including reuse models and recover to alternative or substitute materials/products. The identification of emerging challenges and opportunities for the implementation of these measures will also be covered in this session.

**Webinar 4: Means of implementation, with a special focus on resource mobilization and financial mechanisms**

Multilateral instruments often provide financial assistance and mobilize financing to support effective implementation of their provisions. The purpose of this session is to present some of the existing dedicated financial mechanisms in other environmental agreements, as well as other potential sources of resource mobilization that could inform the development of financial mechanisms to support the implementation of the internationally binding legal instrument to end plastic pollution.

**Webinar 5: Promoting a circular economy to reduce the size of the problem: a focus on Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) and addressing plastic waste**

This session will provide an opportunity to present experiences in developing and administering Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) schemes to incentivize producers to account for environmental considerations when designating their products and avoid waste, and specific considerations associated with plastic waste management that could inform the development of dedicated solutions.

**Webinar 6: Organization of work at INC-2**

This session will focus on the organization of work at INC-2, including logistical and other practical arrangements and the expected conduct of the meetings, as detailed in the Scenario Note to be made available by the Chair on the meeting webpage ( to be circulated ).

Further information on the briefings will be made available on the Event tab of the [INC-2 webpage](#).

The secretariat invites participants to send any questions in advance of the webinars to [unep-incplastic.secretariat@un.org](mailto:unep-incplastic.secretariat@un.org). We look forward to your active participation in the upcoming webinars.

I look forward to continuing our collaboration on this important priority and welcoming you to the INC-2.

Yours sincerely,

*Signed*

The INC Secretariat