

Reference: Not-INC-2023-0027

26 May 2023

Dear Madam/Sir,

At the request of the Embassy of Ukraine in Nairobi, please find attached a note verbale no.61619/28-199-60105, dated 25 May 2023, regarding the nominee of Ukraine for the bureau of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on plastic pollution (INC).

Yours sincerely,

Signed

The INC Secretariat



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The Embassy of Ukraine in the Republic of Kenya presents its compliments to the United Nations Environment Programme and with the reference to the Embassy's Note Verbale #61619/28-199-91443 dated November 10, 2022 has the honor to inform the following.

Following the consultations among the Members of Group of Eastern European States (EEG), being keen of preserving technical nature of UNEP, the Government of Ukraine has reached an agreement with the Government of Georgia regarding the exchange of supports of their respective nominees to the Bureau of the Intergovernmental Negotiation Committee (INC) and Bureau of the Open-Ended Working Group on Science-Policy Panel (OEWG/SPP) according to which the Government of Ukraine has agreed to withdraw its candidacy to the INC in favour of the respective nominee of the esteemed Georgian Side with the understanding that the Government of Georgia will withdraw its candidacy to the OEWG/SPP in favour of the respective nominee of Ukraine.

This agreement was confirmed by the esteemed representatives of Ukraine and Georgia Sides during the meeting of EEG Member-States, which took place on April 26, 2023 and was attended by 21 out of 23 Members of the EEG.

The Ukrainian Side is also pleased to draw the attention of the esteemed Secretariat to the fact that the mentioned agreement of the Governments of Ukraine and Georgia was welcomed by Members of the EEG and was supported by the indicative vote, as mentioned in the Letter of H.E. Mr. Dragos Tigau, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Romania in the capacity of the Chair of the EEG #377(1) dated April 27, 2023.

Taking this into account, the Ukrainian Side kindly asks the esteemed Secretariat to take due note to the stated above and, following the spirit of transparency, requests the Secretariat to distribute this note verbale among UNEP Member-States at the earliest convenience.

The Embassy of Ukraine in the Republic of Kenya avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Environment Programme the assurances of its highest consideration.



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