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## NOTIFICATION

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

Dear Madam/Sir,

I take this opportunity to extend my sincere appreciation for your representation and participation at the first session of the intergovernmental negotiating committee (INC-1) held in Punta del Este, Uruguay, from 28 November to 2 December. INC-1 was indeed an important milestone for setting the foundation that will shape the global legally binding instrument to end plastic pollution.

#### **Outcomes of INC-1**

Many participants at INC-1 confirmed their desire to have an instrument that addresses the full life cycle of plastics, protecting human health and the environment, with special attention paid to the unique circumstances of those countries most in need. The meeting agreed to follow two work streams in moving forward, one on substantive elements in particular on objectives, scope, core obligations, and control measures; and the other on implementation elements in particular on means of implementation and financing, institutional arrangements, assessment of progress of implementation, and stakeholder engagement.

Furthermore, INC-1 requested the secretariat to prepare for consideration by the committee at its second session a document with potential options for elements towards an international legally binding instrument, 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. This document could include both legally binding and voluntary measures. The document to be prepared by the secretariat is intended to facilitate the committee's work without in any way prejudging what the committee might decide regarding the structure and provisions of the instrument.

## Written submissions

The committee invited stakeholders and Members of the Committee to communicate to the secretariat their written submissions, requesting the secretariat to post any submissions received on the INC website. The secretariat, in preparing the document, will, in consultations with the chair, draw on the views expressed by Members of the Committee during the first session of the committee and as well as their written submissions.

Considering the above request, and to have the meeting documents available six weeks ahead the second meeting, I hereby invite Members of the Committee and observers to provide such written submissions by the following **deadlines**:

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

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: <https://www.unep.org/inc>.

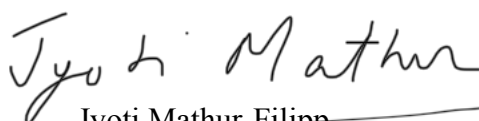
## Second session of the INC

As decided by the INC, the second session of the intergovernmental negotiating committee will be held in Paris, France. It is tentatively set for the week of 22 May 2023. Confirmation on the same will be transmitted in due course.

We look forward to continuing our collaboration with you in the lead up to INC-2.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,



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Executive Secretary  
INC Plastics Secretariat