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***Ad hoc* intersessional open-ended expert groups established by the
Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to develop an international legally binding instrument
on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment**

Questionnaire to the nominated experts to ad hoc expert group 2

Dear Distinguished experts

The Co-chairs of the ad hoc open-ended expert group 2, Mr. Axel Borchmann of Germany, Ms. Gwen Sisor of Palau and Mr. Luay Almkhtar of Iraq, invite you to answer this questionnaire by no later than 25 July 2024, 23.00 EAT.

Experts nominated by the same Member of the Committee are required to submit a single joint response. Nominated experts are requested to only respond to the questions in the questionnaire relevant to their field of expertise.

The questionnaire responses will feed into the preparation of the virtual meetings and the synthesis and information that the Co-chairs, with support of the INC Secretariat, will prepare as input for the in-person meeting in Bangkok, Thailand. All responses to the questionnaire that are received by the deadline will be posted on the web page of the ad hoc intersessional open-ended expert group.

The link to access and answer the questionnaire has been provided in the email notification sent to nominated experts on 10 July 2024.

Mandate:

An ad hoc intersessional open-ended expert group to identify and analyse criteria and non criteria based approaches regarding plastic products and chemicals of concern in plastic products, and product design focusing on recyclability and reusability of plastic products, considering their uses and applications, for the consideration by the Committee at its fifth session (INC-5).

The expert group will be informed by the reports of the Co-chairs of the contact group one established at INC-4 and the compilation document of the draft text.

The outcomes from the expert group shall be without prejudice to the Members' national positions and the outcome of negotiations conducted by the Committee.

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Questionnaire

Part A. Demographic information

1. Which Member nominated you as an expert to the expert group?

In the following sections of the questionnaire the Compilation of draft text of the international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment (the advance version is available on the web page for the intersessional work) is referred to as the Compilation text.

Part B. Criteria and non criteria based approaches with regard to plastic products, in relation to draft provision II.3 of the Compilation text, considering their uses and applications.

In your expert opinion:

2. What criteria, types of criteria or non criteria based approaches could be reflected in the ILBI for the identification/classification of plastic products? Please detail them, providing references and/or explaining the rationale.

2.a. Criteria or types of criteria

2.b. Non criteria based approaches

3. Are there specific uses and applications for which specific criteria and non criteria based approaches for these plastic products are particularly applicable/relevant?

If yes, please identify relevant uses and applications, and provide a rationale and references as relevant:

4. Are there any important interrelations to other draft provisions of the instrument?

Part C. Criteria and non criteria based approaches with regard to chemicals of concern in plastic products, in relation to draft provision II.2 of the Compilation text, considering their uses and applications.

In your expert opinion:

5. What criteria, types of criteria or non criteria based approaches could be reflected in the ILBI for the identification/classification for chemicals of concern in plastic products? Please detail them, providing references and/or explain the rationale.

5. a. Criteria or types of criteria

5.b. Non criteria based approaches

6. Are there specific uses and applications where criteria and non criteria based approaches for chemicals of concern in plastic products are particularly applicable/relevant?

If yes, please identify relevant uses and applications, and provide a rationale and references as relevant:

7. Are there any important interrelations to other draft provisions of the instrument?

Part D. Criteria and non criteria based approaches with regard to product design focusing on recyclability and reusability of plastic products, in relation to draft provision II.5 of the Compilation text, considering their uses and applications.

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In your expert opinion:

8. What criteria or non criteria based approaches for plastic product design could be reflected in the ILBI to improve the recyclability of plastic products and the quality of recycled products? Please detail them, providing references and/or explain the rationale.

8.a. Recyclability of plastic products

8.b. Quality of recycled plastic products

9. What criteria or non criteria based approaches for plastic product design could contribute to improve the reusability of plastic products and the quality of reuse systems? Please provide a rationale and sources as relevant.

9.a. Reusability of plastic products

9.b. Quality of reuse systems for plastic products

10. Are there other potential attributes, apart from improved reusability and recyclability, to be considered in criteria and non criteria based approaches for plastic product design?

11. Are there specific applications or uses for which criteria and non criteria based approaches for plastics product design are particularly applicable/relevant?

If yes, please identify relevant uses and applications, and provide a rationale and sources as relevant:

12. Are there any important interrelations to other draft provisions of the instrument?
