

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

Bureau meeting

Wednesday, 02 October 2024

09:30- 13:00 EAT

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## ACTION POINTS

### INC BUREAU MEETING 02 OCTOBER 2024

1. The meeting was attended by the following members:
  - INC Chair: Mr. Luis Vayas Valdivieso (Ecuador);
  - African States: Mr. Ndiaye Cheikh Sylla (Senegal);
  - Asia-Pacific States: Mr. Hiroshi Ono (Japan);
  - Eastern European States: Ms. Irma Gurguliani (Georgia);
  - Latin American and Caribbean States: Mr. Gustavo Meza-Cuadra Velasquez (Peru);
  - Small-Island Developing States: Ms. Asha Challenger (Antigua and Barbuda);
  - Western European and Other States: Ms. Johanna Lissinger-Peitz (Sweden); Ms. Larke Williams (United States of America).
2. The Secretariat was represented by the Executive Secretary of the INC, Ms. Jyoti Mathur-Filipp, and INC Legal Adviser, Ms. Marianna Bolshakova.
3. The INC Chair, Luis Vayas Valdivieso recapped action and information points from the meeting:
  - a) During the in-person HODs meeting on 30 September and 01 October 2024, broad support for a **third iteration of the Chair's non-paper** was heard. The Chair will develop this iteration further and release it four weeks in advance of INC-5.
  - b) The INC Chair expressed his intention to update the **roadmap to INC-5**, the most recent version of which was circulated to the Bureau on 04 September 2024. The updated roadmap will include information on the expected dates for **publication of documents**, such as the Scenario Note and the third iteration of the non-paper, as well as proposed dates for a possible **virtual Heads of Delegation meeting**. The Chair's intention was to hold, in advance of the session, a virtual HODs meeting on the **organization of work at INC-5 and a discussion of the potential work in the intersessional period between the Diplomatic Conference and COP-1**.

- c) Initial thoughts on the **organization of work at INC-5** were shared with the Bureau through an outline of the Scenario Note on 1 October 2024. The Chair recapped his intention of having four contact groups at INC-5, with two focussing on control measures, and two focussing on means of implementation. There were divergent views in the Bureau on having a fifth contact group, the possibility of which the Chair was still reflecting on. Bureau members emphasized the importance of optimization of time and of using the Bureau to share valuable information prior to the session as well as relying on Bureau members in the course of the session. Bureau members also emphasized the importance of clear guidance for any co-chairs of contact groups.
- d) The Chair's **Scenario Note** would be further developed and released mid-October.
- e) The issue of ensuring **stability and predictability of the in-session scheduling** for the plenary and contact groups was emphasized. The Secretariat will provide the Bureau with information on the standard procedures for scheduling.
- f) The Bureau agreed to move its **next meeting to 10 October 2024** in order to further discuss organization of work at INC-5 and to inform the finalization of the Chair's Scenario Note.
- g) A possible schedule of **in-session Bureau meetings** was discussed. A possibility of having a shorter meeting in the morning of each in-session day, while avoiding clashes with regional consultations, with a longer meeting in the second half of the day was discussed. The Bureau also considered the possibility of scheduling a longer Bureau meeting mid-week to take stock of the progress in negotiations.
- h) The Secretariat was requested to prepare a **Briefing Note for the Bureau on the sequencing and conduct of work between the INC, preparatory work, the Diplomatic Conference, and COP-1**, building on examples in other treaty processes.
- i) The Chair informed the Bureau of the resignation of Mr. Mohammed Kashashneh of Jordan from his position of the Vice-Chair from the Asia Pacific Group. He expressed his thanks to Mr. Kashashneh for his engagement as member of the Bureau. The Asia Pacific Region was undertaking consultations with a view to proposing a single candidate for election as Vice-Chair for the remainder of the term of Mr. Kashashneh (until the end of INC-5). The elections will take place during the opening plenary of the INC. Consequently, one of the seats of the Asia Pacific Region on the Bureau will remain vacant until Mr. Kashashneh's replacement is elected.