INC-5 Contact Groups and Legal Drafting Group Co-chairs and related mandates (24 November 2024)

1. Contact groups

Mandate

Mandate for each contact group, for all issues within its mandate:

- conduct textual negotiations,¹ identifying, as its work progresses, where there is convergence on text that could be forwarded to the plenary for consideration in the Legal Drafting Group,² and make proposals for consideration of the committee;³
- identify issues and areas where preparatory work should be done in the interim period between the diplomatic Conference and the first session of the COP, as well as any actions to facilitate early entry into force and preparations by States for ratification.⁴

Contact Group 1

Co-chairs: Axel Borchmann (Germany) and Maria Angelica Ikeda (Brazil)

To address the following issues:

- Plastic products and chemicals of concern as used in plastic products
- Exemptions
- Plastic product design
- Supply
- Definitions

as reflected in the Chair's non-paper 3 and in reference to relevant issues addressed in document UNEP/PP/INC.5/4.5

Contact Group 2

Co-chairs: Oliver Boachie (Ghana) and Tuulia Toikka (Finland)

To address the following issues:

- · Emissions and releases
- Plastic waste management
- Existing plastic pollution
- Just transition

as reflected in the Chair's non-paper 3 and in reference to relevant issues addressed in document UNEP/PP/INC.5/4. 6

Contact Group 3

Co-chairs: Kate Lynch (Australia) and Gwen Sisior (Palau)

To address the following issues:

• Finance, including the establishment of a financial mechanism

¹ See Scenario Note, <u>UNEP/PP/INC.5/2</u>, para. 30.

² See Scenario Note, <u>UNEP/PP/INC.5/2</u>, para. 34.

³ See Scenario Note, <u>UNEP/PP/INC.5/2</u>, para. 30.

⁴ See supplementary note, <u>UNEP/PP/INC.5/7</u>, para. 10.

⁵ See Scenario Note, <u>UNEP/PP/INC.5/2</u>, para. 31. See also supplementary note, <u>UNEP/PP/INC.5/7</u>, para. 6.

⁶ See Scenario Note, <u>UNEP/PP/INC.5/2</u>, para. 31. See also supplementary note, <u>UNEP/PP/INC.5/7</u>, para. 6.

 Capacity building, technical assistance, technology transfer, including international cooperation

as reflected in the Chair's non-paper 3 and in reference to relevant issues addressed in document UNEP/PP/INC.5/4.⁷

Contact Group 4

Co-chairs: Linroy Christian (Antigua and Barbuda) and Han Min-young (Republic of Korea)

To address the following issues:

- Implementation and compliance
- National plans
- Reporting
- Effectiveness evaluation and monitoring
- Information exchange
- Awareness, education and research
- Health
- Objective
- Scope
- Preamble
- Principles
- Conference of the Parties, including ability to establish subsidiary groups
- Secretariat
- Final provisions

as reflected in the Chair's non-paper 3 and in reference to relevant issues addressed in document UNEP/PP/INC.5/4.8

Conduct of contact groups

- The schedule of contact group meetings will be updated daily by the INC Secretariat under the guidance of the INC Chair.
- In undertaking the work and developing text, the contact groups should use the relevant sections of the Chair's Non-paper 3 as the starting point, and as relevant, refer to any text proposals that have been made by Members, including as reflected in document INC.5/4.
- If there are submitted text proposals from Members or Groups of States, the co-chairs may wish to invite the proponents to introduce their submission.
- Members and Groups of States may submit textual proposals on the In-session Documents Platform. Written proposals should primarily address areas where there is no text developed in the Chair's non-paper 3.
- Informal consultations can take place as and when needed, in various formats such as consultations by co-chairs or by delegate(s) designated by the co-chairs.

2. Legal Drafting Group

An open-ended legal drafting group was established at INC-4 with the following mandate: to conduct a legal review of any elements of the draft text forwarded to it by the committee with a view to ensuring that the text is drafted in a legally sound manner and make recommendations on the wording to the committee for its consideration. In its work, the legal drafting group will not

⁷ See Scenario Note, <u>UNEP/PP/INC.5/2</u>, para. 31. See also supplementary note, <u>UNEP/PP/INC.5/7</u>, para. 6.

⁸ See Scenario Note, <u>UNEP/PP/INC.5/2</u>, para. 31. See also supplementary note, <u>UNEP/PP/INC.5/7</u>, para. 6.

consider policy issues, and any policy issues it might identify in the course of its work will be referred back to the committee.

The committee also decided that the open-ended legal drafting group would be composed of legal experts from Members, that it would commence its work at the fifth session, and that its meetings would be convened by its Co-Chairs during the fifth session as and when needed.

Co-chairs:

- Eyad Aljubran (Saudi Arabia)
- Anik Beaudoin (Canada)
- Jean Kenfack (Cameroon)
