

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

Bureau meeting

Tuesday, 19 November 2024

15:30- 17:00 EAT

Online

DRAFT ACTION POINTS

INC BUREAU MEETING 19 NOVEMBER 2024

1. The meeting was attended by the following members:
 - INC Chair: Mr. Luis Vayas Valdivieso (Ecuador);
 - African States: Ms. Juliet Kabera (Rwanda); Mr. Ndiaye Cheikh Sylla (Senegal);
 - Asia-Pacific States: Mr. Hiroshi Ono (Japan);
 - Eastern European States: Ms. Irma Gurguliani (Georgia); Mr. Harry Liiv (Estonia);
 - 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. Mr. Mohammed Albarrak (Saudi Arabia) participated in an observer capacity as the nominee of the Asia Pacific States for the position of a Vice-Chair.
3. The Secretariat was represented by the Executive Secretary of the INC, Ms. Jyoti Mathur-Filipp.
4. The INC Chair provided updates on the contact group mandates and corresponding articles of the third iteration of the Chair's non-paper, along with the names of the nominated co-chairs of the contact groups. These updates would be reflected in the Chair's supplemental note to the scenario note, which would be made available shortly. The topics and nominated co-chairs were identified as follows:
 - **Contact Group 1** (Proposed co-chairs: Axel Borchmann (Germany) and Maria Angelica Ikeda (Brazil))
 - Plastic products and chemicals of concern as used in plastic products (Art. 3)
 - Exemptions (Art. 4)
 - Plastic product design (Art. 5)
 - Supply (Art. 6)

Definitions (Art. 2)

- **Contact Group 2** (Proposed co-chairs: Oliver Boachie (Ghana) and Tulia Toika (Finland))
 - Emissions and releases (Art. 7)
 - Plastic waste management (Art. 8)
 - Existing plastic pollution (Art. 9)
 - Just transition (Art. 10)

 - **Contact Group 3** (Proposed co-chairs: Kate Lynch (Australia) and Gwen Sisior (Palau))
 - Finance, including the establishment of a financial mechanism (Art. 11)
 - Capacity building, technical assistance, technology transfer, including international cooperation (Art. 12)

 - **Contact Group 4** (Proposed co-chairs: Linroy Christian (Antigua and Barbuda) and Claudia Dumitru (Romania))
 - Objective (Article 1)
 - Scope
 - Preamble
 - Principles
 - Implementation and compliance (Art. 13)
 - National plans (Art. 14)
 - Reporting (Art. 15)
 - Effectiveness evaluation and monitoring (Art. 16)
 - Information exchange (Art. 17)
 - Awareness, education and research (Art. 18)
 - Health (Art. 19)
 - Conference of the Parties, including ability to establish subsidiary groups (Art. 20)
 - Secretariat (Art. 21)
 - Final provisions (Arts. 22 to 32)
5. The Chair also provided updates on his proposal for co-chairs of the legal drafting group, which were identified as:
- Eyad Aljubran (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia)
 - Anik Beaudoin (Canada)
 - Jean Kenfack (Cameroon)
6. The Executive Secretary provided logistical updates. The webinar with observers held the day prior had been well attended, with a total of 146 participants at the first session and 150 participants at the second session. Regarding registration, there were 3915 registrations out of which 3702 were approved. The remaining registrations were being processed. Currently, there were:
- 1400 approved delegates from 179 Members of the Committee.
- 1963 approved observers from 575 NGOs,

44 approved observers from 13 intergovernmental organizations,

63 approved observers from 17 UN entities, and

232 approved participants from 150 Media outlets.

7. The Executive Secretary reminded the Bureau of events taking place prior to the start of the session, which included a technical briefing session on the diplomatic conference by the UN legal team on the 24 November 2024, a conversation with observers on the 24 November, heads of delegation reception on the 24 November and host country receptions on the 25 November. Invitations for these events had previously been circulated via e-mail.
8. She also informed the Bureau that the in-session documents platform would be made available at the start of the session on Monday 25 November. As was done for INC-4, the platform would enable registered users of Member Delegations to self-upload text proposals per contact group. In addition, registered users of both Member and Observer Delegations would be able to self-upload their delegation's statements from the plenary.
9. Some Bureau members mentioned that they were still consulting with regard to the nomination of three co-chairs to the legal drafting group. The Chair took note of this.
10. Some members raised the question of what would happen with provisions in the Chair's non-paper that currently did not have textual provisions. The Chair clarified that an initial round of discussions using the elements contained in the paper may be a starting point, supported by informal consultations as needed.
11. A Bureau member raised the request to publish Bureau reports after every meeting held so as to validate and track progress made at the previous meetings. For upcoming meetings of the Bureau, a Bureau member requested a more detailed agenda. These requests were both noted by the Chair.
12. Following a request by a Bureau member with regard to the in-session Bureau meeting scheduling, the Bureau agreed to move the morning coordination meetings to the evenings, with the exception of a short morning Bureau stocktake meeting on the first day of the session.
13. The next Bureau meeting will take place in the afternoon of 23 November 2024 in-person in Busan,