

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

Bureau meeting

Monday, 11 November 2024

16:15- 17:45 EAT

Online

DRAFT ACTION POINTS

INC BUREAU MEETING 11 NOVEMBER 2024

1. The meeting was attended by the following members:
INC Chair: Mr. Luis Vayas Valdivieso (Ecuador);
African States: Ms. Juliet Kabera (Rwanda);
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. In attendance for parts of agenda Item 2 was representative of INC-5 Host Country, Republic of Korea, Mr. Dongmin Shin.
5. Director Dongmin Shin, INC-5 **Host Country (Republic of Korea)** representative, provided the Bureau with an **update on preparations for the fifth session**. He informed the Bureau that all necessary provisions were being made for the adequate facilitation of visas, as well as for the necessary security provisions. The Republic of Korea was working closely with the INC Secretariat to ensure a smooth facilitation. In addition to the main meeting, there were a number of events, such as the flag raising ceremony, for which close coordination between UNDSS and the South Korean police was taking place.
6. The Executive Secretary, Ms. Mathur Philipp, provided **logistical updates** and the **latest numbers on registration** for INC-5. As of the 11 November 2024, there were a total of 3824

registrations out of which 3608 were approved. The remaining were being processed. These consisted of:

- 1356 approved delegates from 175 Members of the Committee.
- 1958 approved observers from 576 NGOs,
- 43 approved observers from 13 intergovernmental organizations,
- 58 approved observers from 16 UN entities and
- 193 approved participants from 124 Media outlets.

The Secretariat received a total of 264 travel support applications from 134 eligible Members, with 4 tickets currently pending issuance. Additionally, travel support to 20 Observers was being provided, for whom all tickets have been issued.

7. The Secretariat reminded the Bureau that while tickets were issued to accommodate self-arranged regional meetings, **DSA** would not cover the days of these meetings prior to the start of the session. She also requested Bureau Members or regional group Chairs to inform the Secretariat of the regional meeting times on 24 November in order for the information to be adequately reflected on the meeting room screens.
8. Regarding travel to Busan, the Secretariat reminded the Bureau that participants must ensure they have the necessary travel documents prior their travels to the Republic of Korea. All travellers entering the Republic of Korea are required to use the '**Advance Input System for Quarantine**' before boarding the flight to ensure a smooth entry process. If the quarantine information is uploaded to the Q-Code system prior to boarding the plane, the quarantine inspection procedure may be quicker after arrival in Busan. Detailed information may be found in the information note to participants and the email notification from the secretariat circulated in the morning of the 11 November 2024.
9. The INC Chair recapped the **Heads of Delegation meeting of the 11 November 2024**, thanked members for their commitment and the support of the Bureau in implementing the roadmap towards INC5, and opened the floor to Bureau members' views. Feedback included support for the third iteration of the Chair's Non Paper as well as the proposed organization of work. Points raised during the HODs were reiterated, such as the question under which contact group the topics of principles, scope, definitions, and final provisions would be discussed. Additionally, the question of how topics currently without text options in the Non-Paper would be addressed and how Members can make text proposals in-session. The flow of work between the plenary, contact groups, and the legal drafting group, as well as the total number of meetings in parallel were also discussed. The Bureau encouraged the Chair to clarify his approach towards these topics prior to the start of the session in Busan.
10. The INC Chair thanked the Bureau for their feedback and inputs. He agreed that it is important to organize the work at INC-5 in an efficient manner to achieve the goals at INC-5, and reiterated that the Scenario Note considers this. In responding to the Bureau's request for clarification, he clarified that his intention was to release a **Supplementary Note to the Scenario Note** prior to the start of the INC-5 session, which would provide clarity on the points raised.
11. He also informed the Bureau that the **webinar with observers** would take place on the **18 November 2024** and that invitations would be sent out shortly. He also informed the Bureau that the **next meeting of the Bureau** would take place in-person in Busan on **23 November 2024, from 14.30 to 17:00**.