

**Proposed approach to the work of the intergovernmental negotiating committee (INC)
developing an international instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine
environment**

Summary of considerations:

- UNEA 5/14 paragraph 1: “...with the ambition to complete its work by the end of 2024...”.
- General preference for five day INC meetings but can adjust the length of meetings as the INC process develops.
- Regional meetings will play an important facilitative role in the INC process.
- Draft rules of procedure: rule 17 – “...including the preparation and distribution of documents at least six weeks in advance of the sessions...”.
- Minimum required time for editing and translation of documents is six weeks.

Five negotiating sessions before the end of 2024:

Meeting	Timeline
INC1	Week of 28 November 2022
INC2	End of April 2023
INC3	End of November 2023
UNEA 6	Week of 26 February 2024 (The UNEP Executive Director to report on progress)
INC4	Early May 2024
INC5	Early December 2024

Proposed List of Documents for INC1:

- A. Documents to be forward from the OEWG:
- i. Draft **rules of procedure** for the INC
 - ii. Report of the OEWG
 - iii. Proposed timetable for INC meetings
- B. Standard meeting documents:
- i. Provisional Agenda
 - ii. Annotated provisional agenda
 - iii. Scenario note

C. Documents proposed by the OEWG for INC1:

- iv. Glossary of key terms
 - v. Options for structure
 - vi. Suggested elements, including key concepts, procedures, and mechanisms of legally binding multilateral agreements that may be relevant to furthering implementation and compliance under the future instrument on plastic pollution
 - vii. Overview of existing funding currently available for addressing plastic pollution through international funding arrangements, including from other processes, programmes, multilateral funds, development banks and private sector initiatives
 - viii. Description of standard articles on final provisions that are typically included in multilateral environmental agreements
 - ix. Interactions with, and mandates of, other relevant bodies, and opportunities for synergies
 - x. An overview of stakeholder engagement frameworks under other instruments, and potential approaches for this instrument
 - xi. Plastics science –monitoring, sources, pathways, impacts, solutions and costs
 - xii. Compendium of information for policy makers
 - xiii. Priorities, needs and barriers (challenges) of developing countries.
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