

## **Call for written submissions – Proposed response template on the potential options for elements towards an international legally binding instrument**

On 9 December 2022, the Executive Secretary of the INC Plastic Pollution Secretariat sent a notification inviting written submissions from members of the committee and from stakeholders. The template below is intended to provide guidance to members of the committee and stakeholders in structuring the written submissions.

As requested by INC-1, written submissions will inform the secretariat in the preparation of a document with potential options for elements towards an international legally binding instrument, for consideration at the second session of the INC, without in any way prejudging what the committee might decide regarding the structure and provisions of the instrument. The document is to be based on a comprehensive approach that addresses the full life cycle of plastics as called for by UNEA resolution 5/14, including identifying the objective, substantive provisions including core obligations, control measures, and voluntary approaches, implementation measures, and means of implementation.

The template below is meant to assist Members and stakeholders to prepare their written submission as a guide. A number of documents prepared for INC-1 are of relevance, notably UNEP/PP/INC.1/5 on 'Potential elements, based on provisions in paragraphs 3 and 4 of United Nations Environment Assembly resolution 5/14, including key concepts, procedures and mechanisms of legally binding multilateral agreements that may be relevant to furthering implementation and compliance under the future international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment'.

The template is divided into three sections:

- I. Substantive elements
- II. Implementation elements
- III. Additional input

All written submissions must be sent to [unep-incplastic.secretariat@un.org](mailto:unep-incplastic.secretariat@un.org). The statements received will be compiled and made available the INC webpage.

Please note that it is not required for all fields to be answered in the template for submission.

### **Deadline for submissions:**

- 6 January 2023 for written submissions from stakeholders.
- 10 February 2023 for written submissions from Members of the Committee.

## TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSIONS

Name of country (for Members of the committee)	Liberia
Name of organization (for stakeholders to the committee)	National Old Folks of Liberia (NOFOL)
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Date	February 10, 2023

### I. Substantive elements

#### 1. Objective(s)

*a) What objective(s) could be set out in the instrument?*

Proposed Objective: To reduce the production of plastic as to minimize plastic usage; To ban the use of any body of water as a deposit site for plastic waste; That a special deposit site within each member state be identify to deposit current plastic waste; That funding be provided to support programs and member states that are incapacitated.

Explanatory Text: Plastic pollution is a serious world issue and it production must be reducing to protect our oceans, rivers and soil.

#### 2. Core obligations, control measures and voluntary approaches

*a) What core obligations, control measures and voluntary approaches would provide a comprehensive approach to addressing plastic pollution, including in the marine environment, throughout the full life cycle in line with the future objective(s) of the instrument?*

*All member state must formulate laws and policy to ban the mass production of plastic and plastic pollution. The UN should propose a banning instrument on member states against the use of any body of water as a waste deposit site. These banning instruments and a provision of funds to CSOs, Community base organizations to monitor, create awareness and to work with state government in the implementation of those laws and policies*

*Must of focus. Member states government must provide the environment for CSOs to function adequately relatively to plastic pollution and that high tariff be imposed on plastic companies and those found in violation of those laws. Communities' leaders and dwellers are encouraged by their government and CSOs to provide their voluntary services through community Security system to monitor and enforce these laws.*

## **II. Implementation elements**

### **1. Implementation measures**

- a) How to ensure implementation of the instrument at the national level (eg. role national action plans contribute to meeting the objectives and obligations of the instrument?)*
- b) How to ensure effectiveness of the instrument and have efficient national reporting?*
- c) Please provide any other relevant proposals or priorities here on implementation measures (for example for scientific and technical cooperation and coordination as well as compliance).*

- a) Each member state government allocate in its annual budget funds to support programs and for the governance and the implementations of these laws and policies.
- b) A special convention is conducted annually by the UN for reporting of member states and CSOs, etc.

### **2. Means of Implementation**

With respect to means of implementation, document UNEP/PP/INC.1/5 covers the following elements: capacity-building, technical assistance, technology transfer on mutually agreed terms and financial assistance.

- a) What measures will be required to support the implementation of the instrument?*

- a) Capacity-building, technical assistance, technology transfer on mutually agreed terms and financial assistance. To enable National Old Folks of Liberia and implementing partner carryout the smooth operation of the project in Liberia

### **III. Additional input**

Please provide any other relevant proposals or priorities here (for example introductory elements; awareness-raising, education and exchange of information; research; stakeholder engagement; institutional arrangements and final provisions).

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