



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

Paris, 29 May–2 June 2023

Item 3 (b) of the provisional agenda*

Organizational matters: organization of work

Annotated provisional agenda

Item 1

Opening of the session

1. The second session of the intergovernmental negotiating committee to prepare an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment, to be held at the headquarters of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Paris from 29 May to 2 June 2023, will be opened at 10 a.m. on Monday, 29 May 2023.
2. Opening statements will be made by a representative of the host Government and a representative of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

Item 2

Election of officers

3. At the first session, the intergovernmental negotiating committee elected Gustavo Meza-Cuadra Velásquez (Peru) to serve as its Chair and agreed to defer the election of the vice-chairs and the designation of a rapporteur until its second session to allow for further consultations on the matter.
4. It is expected that the intergovernmental negotiating committee, presided over by the Chair, will elect its ten vice-chairs, one of whom is to act as rapporteur, at the beginning of its second session. To ensure adequate regional representation, and consistent with its draft rules of procedure, the committee may wish to consider the election of two officers from each of the five United Nations regions and a representative from the small island developing States, who will collectively constitute the bureau. The election of the Chair has, however, had the effect of reducing by one the number of vice-chairs allocated to the region from which the Chair was elected.

* UNEP/PP/INC.2/1.

Item 3

Organizational matters

(a) Adoption of the rules of procedure

5. At its first session, the intergovernmental negotiating committee agreed that the draft rules of procedure, as contained in document UNEP/PP/INC.2/3, would apply to its work provisionally until their adoption.

6. Furthermore, the committee agreed to consider the adoption of the rules of procedure during its second session.

(b) Adoption of the agenda

7. The committee may wish to adopt the agenda of its second session on the basis of the provisional agenda (UNEP/PP/INC.2/1) and as agreed at the first session of the intergovernmental negotiating committee.

(c) Organization of work

8. The committee may wish to decide that it should meet on each day of the session from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., subject to adjustment as necessary.

9. During the session, the committee may wish to establish contact groups as it may deem necessary, and to specify their mandates and appoint their presiding officers.

(d) Dates and venues of subsequent sessions of the intergovernmental negotiating committee

10. The committee may wish to decide the dates and venues of subsequent sessions of the intergovernmental negotiating committee based on the offers received by the secretariat.

(e) Provisional agenda of the third session

11. The committee may wish to agree on the provisional agenda of the third session.

Item 4

Preparation of an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment

12. The secretariat has prepared a working document on potential options for elements towards an internal legally binding instrument (UNEP/PP/INC.2/4) to facilitate the committee's work, without prejudging what the committee might decide regarding the structure and provisions of the instrument. The document draws on the views expressed by Member States during the first session of the committee as well as their written submissions received by the deadline of 13 February 2023. The document includes potential options for objectives, substantive provisions, including core obligations, control measures, voluntary approaches, implementation measures and means of implementation of the instrument. The document includes both legally binding and voluntary measures.

13. The committee may wish, as proposed by the Chair in his scenario note for the second session (UNEP/PP/INC.2/2), to begin its discussion by focusing on document UNEP/PP/INC.2/4.

14. In addition to the working document, a number of information documents have been prepared to facilitate the work of the committee.

Item 5

Other matters

15. The committee may wish to consider other matters raised during the session, including intersessional work to be conducted prior to the third session.

Item 6

Adoption of the report of the session

16. At the final meeting of the session, on 2 June, the committee will be invited to consider and adopt its decisions and the draft report of the session prepared by the rapporteur.

Item 7

Closure of the session

17. It is expected that the committee will conclude its work by 6 p.m. on Friday, 2 June 2023.
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