Intergovernmental negotiating committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment
Evolving mandate on Marine Litter and Plastic Pollution

Scope of the debate has evolved:

**UNEA-1**
1/6 Marine plastic debris and microplastics

**UNEA-2**
2/11 Marine plastic litter and microplastics

**UNEA-3**
3/7 Marine litter and microplastics

**UNEA-4**
4/6 Marine Plastic Litter and Microplastics
4/9 Addressing Single-use Plastic Products Pollution

**UNEA 5/14**
End plastic pollution: Towards an international legally binding instrument

Decided to convene meetings of an open-ended ad hoc expert group

23–27 June 2014
23–27 May 2016
4–6 December 2017
11–15 March 2019
28 Feb. - 2 Mar. 2022
Ending Plastic Pollution Resolution (5/14)

- Develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution addressing the full life cycle of plastic
- UNEP to convene an ad hoc open-ended working group (OEWG) in first half of 2022 to prepare for the work of the INC
- Convene an intergovernmental negotiating committee (INC):
  - Starting: second half of 2022, Completing: end of 2024
  - Convene a multi-stakeholder forum at INC-1 to exchange information
- Convene a diplomatic conference of plenipotentiaries upon completion of negotiations to adopt the instrument and open it for signature
HOW will the instrument deliver? (para. 4 of UNEA resolution 5/14)

- Consider obligations, measures, and voluntary approaches in supporting the achievements of the instrument's objectives.
- Finance mechanism to support the implementation, and consideration of a dedicated multilateral fund.
- National circumstances.
- Mechanism for policy-relevant scientific and socio-economic information and assessment.
- Lessons learned and best practices.
WHAT will the instrument consider? (para. 3 of UNEA resolution 5/14)

- Promote sustainable production and consumption of plastics, including:
  - product design, and environmentally sound waste management
  - through resource efficiency and circular economy approaches.
- Capacity building, technologies, technical & financial assistance.
- Data, monitoring, reporting, means of assessing implementation & effectiveness.
- Address Compliance.
- Promote National Action Plans.
- Research & innovation; scientific and socio-economic info. and assessment.
- Multi-stakeholder engagement, cooperation, coordination, action at all levels.
First session of the intergovernmental negotiating committee

• Took place from 28 November to 2 December 2022 in Punta del Este, Uruguay
• Ambassador Gustavo Meza-Cuadra (Peru) elected chair
• The session had a total number of 1421 participants, with 147 States and EU represented, of which 126 States were present in person. 10 IGOs and 409 NGOs had registered for the session.
• Stakeholder dialogue (29 Nov) and the multi-stakeholder forum (26 Nov) brought many voices to the discussion on key topics

Earth negotiations bulletin provided full coverage of the meeting:

For more information, refer to:
https://www.unep.org/events/conference/inter-governmental-negotiating-committee-meeting-inc-1
Timeline for the INC process

- INC 1 week of 28 Nov 2022
- INC 2 May 2023
- INC 3 Nov 2023
- INC 4 early April 2024
- INC 5 Oct/Nov 2024

- INC 2: Week of 22 May 2023 (tbc) in Paris, France
Chair's summary of the meeting
Moving ahead, the INC requested the secretariat:

- To prepare a document with **potential options for elements towards an international legally binding instrument**, 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
  - drawing on the views expressed by Members during the first session of the committee and as well as written submissions. Call for written submissions:
    - By 6 January 2023 from observers.
    - By 10 February 2023 from Members of the Committee.
Looking across the lifecycle...
This is about jobs, opportunities, health and planetary wellbeing.
Thank you

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