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

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

Compilation of draft text of the international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment⁶

Note by the secretariat

1. At its fourth session, the intergovernmental negotiating committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment, established two contact groups (contact groups 1 and 2) to consider, respectively, the elements addressed in Parts I and II of the revised draft text¹, including any relevant proposed annexes (contact group 1) and the elements addressed in Parts III to VI of the revised draft text, including any relevant proposed annexes (contact group 2). The Committee also decided that the work of the contact groups would be further divided among subgroups (subgroups 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3 for contact group 1, and subgroups 2.1 and 2.2 for contact group 2).²
2. Following completion of the work of the contact groups and their respective subgroups at the fourth session, the committee requested the secretariat to issue a compilation of the five outcome documents of the subgroups, maintaining corresponding placeholders for potential annexes as contained in document UNEP/PP/INC.4/3, as an official document for its fifth session. The committee also requested the secretariat to standardize the formatting of the document, and to correct any clear typographical errors in the document, without making any substantive changes to its contents, and decided that this compilation document will be the starting point for continued negotiations at its fifth session with a view to completing its work on the instrument by the end of that session.³
3. The compilation contained in the annex to the present note was prepared by the secretariat pursuant to the mandate described above. In accordance with this mandate, minimal adjustments have been made to the text with a view to standardizing the format of the document for consistency of presentation and ease of reading, without modifying the substance of the texts as contained in the respective outcome documents of the subgroups.
4. The following conventions, which were already used in the revised draft text that served as starting point and basis for textual negotiations at the fourth session, are maintained in the compilation text contained in the annex to this document:

⁶ Advance version in English only. This document has not been formally edited.

¹ UNEP/PP/INC.4/3.

² UNEP/PP/INC.4/5 (to be circulated).

³ UNEP/PP/INC.4/5 (to be circulated).

Introduction to the Local and Subnational Coalition to end plastics pollution



- Launched on 24 April 2024.
- Amplify the voice of Local and Subnational Governments.
- Develop globally applicable points for Local and Subnational Governments.
- High ambition Local and Subnational Governments that can play active roles in the process.



In collaboration with



Introduction to the Local and Subnational Coalition to end plastics pollution



- Why Local and Subnational Governments?
 - ◆ Closest level of government to the people.
 - ◆ Financial implications.
 - ◆ Regulatory powers.
 - ◆ Public Service Delivery.
 - ◆ Replicating and scaling.
 - ◆ Knowledge creation.
 - ◆ Consumption in urban areas and impacts.
 - ◆ Operational Implications.
 - ◆ Emissions reduction potential.
 - ◆ Just Transition.

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→ What do we call for?

- ◆ Completion of negotiations during INC-5 in Busan in November 2024.
- ◆ Ambitious and effective measures that recognises Local and Subnational governments.
- ◆ Focus on the full plastics value chain.
- ◆ Recognise the key role of Local and Subnational governments in addressing plastic pollution, with a 'whole of government' approach.
- ◆ Ensure that the Major Group system is carried into the new instrument.
- ◆ Deliver an ambitious international legally binding instrument to put an end to plastic pollution that can be successfully implemented, for the benefit of residents, workers, the natural environment, and a sustainable, circular economy and the right of future generations to live on a healthy and sustainable planet.

Introduction to the Local and Subnational Coalition to end plastics pollution



→ How can you sign up?



Overview

Join us to support the Coalition to End Plastic Pollution

Develop your own local or subnational action plan

Share your progress and learn from others

In February 2022, at the resumed 8th session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-8.2), a historic resolution (resolution 13/MS) was adopted to develop an international legally binding instrument to combat plastic pollution, including in the marine environment with the ambition to complete the negotiations by end of 2024.

The instrument is to be based on a comprehensive approach that addresses the full life cycle of plastic. The IJC will consider how to promote sustainable production and consumption of plastics from product design to environmentally sound waste management, through resource efficiency and circular economy approaches.

The rapidly increasing levels of plastic pollution represent a serious global environmental issue that negatively impacts the environmental, social, economic and health dimensions of sustainable development. Under a business as usual scenario and in the absence of necessary interventions, the amount of plastic waste entering aquatic ecosystems could nearly triple from some 3.5 million tonnes per year in 2016 to a projected 10-12 million tonnes per year by 2060.



Thank you!

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