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NOTIFICATION

Invitation to provide written submissions.

Dear Madam/Sir,

I take this opportunity to extend my sincere appreciation for your participation in the second session of the intergovernmental negotiating committee (INC-2) held in Paris, France, from 29 May to 2 June 2023. INC-2 was indeed another important milestone in our path to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment.

Mandate from INC-2

At its second session, the Committee requested the Chair, with the support of the secretariat, to prepare a zero-draft text of the international legally binding instrument for consideration at INC-3. The draft is to be guided by views expressed at INC-1 and INC-2. The full range of views could be indicated in the draft text through options.

Members of the Committee and observers are encouraged to send their written statements for INC-2 to the Secretariat (unep-incplastic.statements@un.org), preferably by Friday 23 June. All statements received will be posted in the [INC-2 webpage](#).

Call for written submissions

The Committee also requested the Secretariat to invite written submissions on (a) elements not discussed at INC-2, such as principles and scope of the instrument, and (b) any potential areas for intersessional work compiled by the cofacilitators of the two contact groups, to inform the work of INC-3. In this context, the Committee decided to invite submissions by the following deadlines:

- **By 15 August 2023** for written submissions from **observer organizations**.
- **By 15 September 2023** for written submissions from **Members of the Committee**.

A template to provide guidance to Members of the committee and observers in structuring the written

submissions will be provided by the secretariat in the coming days.

Please be informed that all written submissions must be sent to unep-incplastic.secretariat@un.org, and will be made available the INC webpage: <https://www.unep.org/inc>.

At the request of the Committee, the Secretariat will prepare a synthesis report of the submissions related to the elements not discussed at INC-2, such as principles and scope of the instrument.

Third session of the INC (INC-3)

As decided by the INC, the third session of the intergovernmental negotiating committee will be held in Nairobi, Kenya, at the UN Environment Programme Headquarters. An invitation letter will be circulated in due course with more details.

We look forward to continuing our collaboration with you in the lead up to INC-3.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

[signed]

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