Plastics Treaty

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‘Most significant environmental deal since Paris’: UN agrees on landmark plastic pollution treaty
99% of plastic is made from chemicals sourced from fossil fuels
By 2050, the greenhouse gas emissions from plastic could reach over 56 gigatons, which represents 10 to 13 percent of the entire remaining carbon budget.

CIEL’s report on Climate and Plastics
A UN Resolution to end plastic pollution: towards an international legally binding instrument

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

“which could include both binding and voluntary approaches, based on a comprehensive approach that addresses the full life cycle of plastic”

“taking into account, among other things, the principles of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, as well as national circumstances and capabilities”
Resolution adopted requesting to convene an intergovernmental negotiating committee (INC) to prepare an international legally binding instrument

- November 28 - December 2, 2022 (Uruguay) 1st INC
- May 30 - June 1 (Dakar, SE) OEWG

End of November 2023 3rd INC

End of April 2023 2nd INC

Beginning of December 2024 5th INC

February 2024 (Nairobi, KE) UNEA 6

February 21 - March 2 (Nairobi, KE) UNEA 5.2

- Nov 26: Multistakeholder Forum
- Nov 27: Regional Consultations

Beginning of May 2024 4th INC

Diplomatic Conference to adopt and sign the final text of an international legally binding instrument

UNEP’s ED to report to UNEA 6

2022

2023

2024

2025

**INC = Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee**
What will be covered?

To specify the objectives:
- Specify arrangements on:
  - Capacity building
  - technical and financial assistance
  - technology transfer
- A dedicated multilateral fund

- Promote research and development of approaches:
  - affordable
  - sustainable
  - innovative
  - cost-efficient

- Promote coordination and cooperation with other conventions
- motivate action from other stakeholders, and initiate a multi-stakeholder agenda

- Knowledge, education and information exchange
- Periodic assessments on:
  - Progress
  - Effectiveness
  - Science
  - socio-economics

- Promote sustainable production and consumption:
  - Product Design
  - Sound waste management

- Flexibility with some provisions
- Open Mandate

- Promote cooperative measures to reduce plastic pollution in the marine environment.
- Develop and promote National Action Plans on:
  - prevention
  - reduction
  - elimination

- A mechanism to provide policy-scientific and socio-economic information
What do we need to do?

2 key elements

**REDUCE GROWTH IN PLASTIC PRODUCTION**

Eliminate avoidable plastic use and expand reuse and refill systems.
## And on international trade?

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- **Definitions**,  
- **Standards**,  
- **Labelling**,  
- **Design**,  
- **Technology transfer** etc.  

- **Trade restrictions** and **bans** for certain types of **polymers, additives, and plastic products** between **Parties** and also between **Parties and non-Parties**;  

- **Permit requirements** and **declaration of imports and exports** of polymers, additives, and plastic products in addition to **monitoring** and **reporting**;  

- **Possibility** for States to **take stricter domestic measures**.
Thank you!

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