

Rebuilding Trust, Restoring Ambition: Civil Society Expectations for the Next INC Chair

Dear members of the INC Bureau,

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we are writing to acknowledge the Bureau's role in facilitating the process of the election of a new Chair for the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) tasked with advancing the future plastics treaty and to share our expectations for the priorities that will be critical to advancing the negotiations toward a strong and ambitious treaty. This election comes at a crucial moment. The INC has a clear mandate from UNEA Resolution 5/14 to deliver a legally binding instrument that covers the full life cycle of plastics. Fulfilling that mandate requires leadership that is fair, transparent, and committed to the public interest.

As civil society, our role is to support this Member State-led process, ensuring that the treaty that is finalized and adopted adequately addresses the crisis at hand. The INC process, as it has progressed thus far, is not getting us closer to the treaty that the world needs. The new Chair must help restore trust in the process, ensure transparency and inclusivity, and steer the process towards outcomes grounded in science, human rights, environmental health, and environmental justice. In that vein, we would like to request that the new Chair:

- Ensures meaningful participation of civil society, rights holders, and independent scientists, including early and equitable access to information, adequate space for interventions, and structured spaces for dialogue between the Chair's office and rights holders.
- Strengthens transparency, efficiency, and predictability in the working methods of the INC, so that Member State, rights holder, and observer inputs are genuinely considered and proposals with broad support are not sidelined.
- Supports the provisional application of all rules of procedure, such that decisions can be made by a vote if all attempts at consensus have failed.
- Protects the integrity of the process from interference from actors with vested interests by establishing clear conflict-of-interest safeguards.
- Safeguards the independence and integrity of the INC and ensures that it remains a Member State-driven process, where the INC Secretariat and UNEP play a facilitative role and do not exert political influence on the Chair's office or the process.
- Keeps the focus on fulfilling the UNEA 5/14 mandate.

The next Chair, with the Bureau's guidance and the INC's confidence, has an opportunity to reinvigorate ambition and steer the treaty negotiations toward a treaty that truly ends plastic pollution across its full life cycle. We remain eager to support the negotiations and play our role as the conscience keepers of the process and voice of the most impacted communities to ensure that the planet, its ecosystems and the future generations get the treaty called for by the crisis we are facing.

Signed,

1. Objectif Zéro Plastique
2. Gallifrey Foundation, Switzerland
3. Alliance for Mission-Based Recycling
4. Fundación PlastiCo. Project, Ecuador
5. International Pollutants Elimination Network (IPEN), Global
6. Fenceline Watch (US EJ org)
7. Environmental Investigation Agency (EIA)
8. Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL)
9. Plastic Free Future
10. Upholding Life And Nature (ULAN)
11. Stichting Mission Lanka (SML) Netherlands
12. Plastic Pollution Coalition
13. Plastic Soup Foundation, Netherlands
14. Human Environmental Association for Development (HEAD)
15. No Plastic In My Sea
16. Armenian Women for Health and Healthy Environment (AWHHE)
17. Port Arthur Community Action Network (PACAN), USA
18. Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives (GAIA)
19. Nipe Fagio
20. Community Action Against Plastic Waste (CAPWs)
21. Association For Promotion Sustainable Development from India
22. OceanCare
23. Friends of the Earth Canada
24. Pacific Environment
25. Azul (USA)
26. Surfrider Foundation (USA)
27. No More Butts
28. Wonjin Institute for Occupational and Environmental Health (WIOEH), Republic of Korea
29. Consumers' Association of Penang, Malaysia
30. Sahabat Alam Malaysia (Friends of the Earth Malaysia)
31. Western Media for Environment and Conservation, Uganda
32. Foundation for Environment and Development (FEDEV), Cameroon
33. Tangaroa Blue Foundation
34. Action des Femmes pour une Planète Bio (AFEPB), Cameroon
35. Thant Myanmar
36. Singapore Youth for Climate Action
37. Citizen consumer and civic Action Group (CAG)
38. Tearfund
39. Sustainable Environment Development Initiative (SEDI)
40. Sciaena, Portugal
41. AEEFG, Tunisia
42. Basel Action Network (BAN)
43. Breathe Free Detroit
44. Grambangla Unnayan Committee, Dhaka, Bangladesh

45. adansonia.green, Sénégal
46. Association Marocaine Santé Environnement et Toxicovigilance
47. Solidarité pour la Protection des Droits de l'Enfant, SOPRODE-RDC
48. Environmental Defence Canada
49. Alaska Community Action on Toxics
50. Health and Environment Justice Support (HEJSupport)
51. Centre for Earth Works (CFEW)
52. Juventud Unida en Acción
53. Recycle Hawaii
54. EARTHCARE (The Bahamas)
55. FoCo Trash Mob, A Beyond Plastics Affiliate
56. The Last Plastic Straw
57. Nexus3 Foundation, Indonesia
58. Society of Native Nations (SNN)
59. Women Engage for a Common Future (WECF)
60. Center for Biological Diversity
61. Almang Market
62. The Network for a Carcinogen-free Society in S.Korea
63. FreshWater Accountability Project
64. Korea Zero Waste Movement Network
65. Vietnam Zero Waste Alliance
66. Aliansi Zero Waste Indonesia (AZWI)
67. Zero Waste Society (Ukraine)
68. AGENDA for Environment and Responsible Development (AGENDA)
69. Surfers Against Sewage, UK
70. Centre for Environment Justice and Development (CEJAD), Kenya
71. Women's working group on ending Plastic Pollution
72. Taller Ecologista (Argentina)
73. Mother Earth Foundation (Philippines)
74. Korea Federation for Environmental Movements (KFEM, Korea)
75. Center to Combat Corruption and Cronyism (C4 Center), Malaysia
76. Ecological Alert and Recovery-Thailand (EARTH)
77. Environmental Justice Foundation (EJF)
78. Observatoire du principe pollueur-payeur (OPOPA)
79. European Research Institute (Italy)
80. Humusz Szövetség (Hungary)
81. Ecology Center Berkeley (USA)
82. Dietplastik Indonesia
83. Centre for Science and Environment
84. The Scarab Trust
85. Center for Coalfield Justice (USA)
86. #BreakFreeFromPlastic
87. Environmental Coalition on Standards (ECOS)
88. International Alliance of Waste Pickers

89. Just Transition Alliance
90. Australian Marine Conservation Society
91. Te Ipukarea Society
92. Seoul KFEM (Korea Federation for Environmental Movements, Seoul)
93. Plastic Change
94. Retorna.org
95. WeMove Europe
96. Eco-Dahab
97. Environmental Defender Law Center (EDLC)
98. Red Mexicana de Acción Ecológica (México)
99. Trash Hero World
100. Toxisphera (Brazil)
101. Red Afros (República Dominicana)
102. Mingas por el Mar (Ecuador)
103. Fundación Agua Clara Venezuela
104. CESTA
105. FAS (Panamá)
106. Colectivo Ecologista Jalisco A.C. (México)
107. Fronteras Comunes (México)
108. Asociación Ecológica Santo Tomás (México)
109. Red de Acción por los Derechos Ambientales RADA (Chile)
110. Pan African Vision for the Environment (PAVE), Nigeria
111. AICED RDCongo
112. Green Africa Youth Organization (GAYO)
113. Ocean. Now! (Germany)
114. AMAR Environmental Defense Association (Brazil)
115. Greenpeace, representing the global network of organisations
116. National Recycling Coalition (NRC)
117. Ecosoum
118. Centre for Citizens Conserving Environment & Management (CECIC)
119. Polish Zero Waste Association
120. Surfrider Foundation Europe
121. ASD-Bangladesh (Association for Sustainable Development in Bangladesh)
122. APARAJITA (Women & Child Development Organization), Magura, Bangladesh
123. Action on Smoking & Health
124. Journalists for Human Rights
125. Defend Our Health
126. Between the Waters
127. European Environmental Bureau
128. Projeto Hospitais Saudáveis (Brazil)
129. AKO Foundation
130. Eco-Cycle (USA)
131. Race to Zero Waste
132. AUSMAP/Total Environment Centre

133. Plastic Free Seas (Hong Kong)
134. Paryavaran Mitra, India
135. Ecoforum Kazakhstan
136. ECOM (Kazakhstan)
137. Fair Resource Foundation (The Netherlands)
138. Independent Ecological Expertise, Kyrgyzstan
139. Plastic Punch
140. GRID-Arendal
141. Eco-justice Ethiopia
142. Flamingo chap chap Kisumu Kenya
143. Development Indian Ocean Network, Mauritius
144. Pesticide Action Network (PANeM) - Mauritius
145. Child Rights International Network (CRIN)
146. NGO Angel, Kazakhstan
147. Waterkeeper Alliance
148. Zero Waste Association of South Africa
149. Black Women for Wellness
150. Foundation to support civil initiatives, Tajikistan
151. Green World Foundation (GWF)
152. Precious Plastic Bangkok (PPB)
153. Fundación ReVerdes (Concepción, Chile)
154. ONG Acción Eco Quintay
155. Fundación Reparemos (Chile)
156. Health Care Without Harm
157. Health Care Without Harm Southeast Asia
158. RTCH / Fundación Títeres En Red
159. Planet Tracker
160. "Microplastic is an invisible problem" project
161. Alianza Basura Cero Chile
162. Sustainable Network Egypt
163. Climate Change Action Group Chennai
164. Centre for Financial Accountability
165. The Descendants Project
166. groundWork, Friends of the Earth - South Africa