



(U) State Department Presentation on International Plastic Pollution

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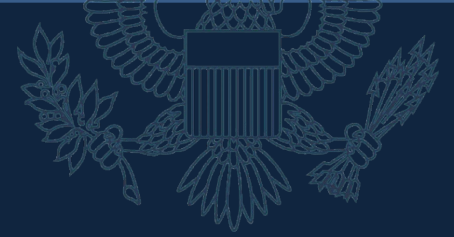


Road to INC on Plastic Pollution

- Growing recognition of plastic pollution as a global problem requiring international cooperation.
- Plastic pollution is priority issue in several international fora.
- March 2022, UNEA resolution 5/14, End plastic pollution: Towards an international legally binding instrument, launched negotiations on a global agreement on plastic pollution.

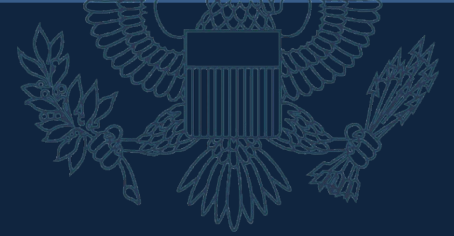


Overview of INC



- Intergovernmental negotiating committee (INC) launched in second half of 2022 with the goal of completing text by end of 2024.
- The scope of the instrument is specified as "plastic pollution, including in the marine environment".
- Countries agreed on a open-ended working group preparatory meeting and five sessions of the INC.
- Overarching outcomes of INC-1:
 - Strong interest from countries to move to discussions on the details of potential elements of the global agreement.

Expectations for INC-2



- INC-2 will be May 29 – June 2 in Paris.
- Potential for continued procedural disruptions at INC-2.
- Discussion of potential options document prepared by Secretariat.
 - Expected to be shared online in mid-April.

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**Second session of
Intergovernmental Negotiating
Committee to develop an
international legally binding
instrument on plastic pollution,
inclu...**

29 May - 2 June 2023
Paris, France



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U.S. Approach to the Global Agreement

- The United States is committed to negotiating an ambitious, innovative, and country-driven global agreement.
- We need a global agreement that will facilitate rapid and meaningful progress.
- The agreement should include mechanisms to provide transparency, reporting, and monitoring of progress.



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U.S. Approach to the Global Agreement

- Objective: Protect human health and the environment from plastic pollution.
- Envision ambitious provisions –including obligations, commitments, and voluntary approaches – designed to prevent and reduce the amount of plastic entering the environment.
- Promote the sustainable production and consumption of plastic, increase plastic circularity, and strengthen the management of plastic waste.
- Country-driven national action plans address plastic pollution across the lifecycle of plastic.
- National reporting is critical.



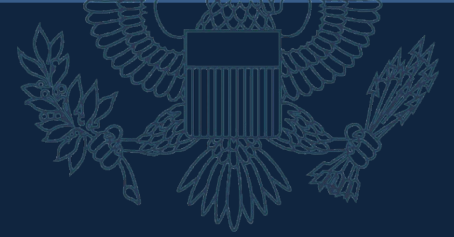
Role of Partners and Stakeholders

- We also see a strong complementary role for partners and stakeholders by highlighting their actions to combat plastic pollution in a multistakeholder action agenda.
- Highlight the successes and best practices learned by innovative subnational government actions.
- National governments cannot solve this problem alone.



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★★★ The Road Ahead



- INC-2 is scheduled for May 29 – June 2, 2023, in Paris.
- State will coordinate a subnational government engagement meeting in early May.
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Giant Plastic Tap art installation at UNEA 5.2 by Benjamin Von Wong

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