

Fourth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment (INC-4)

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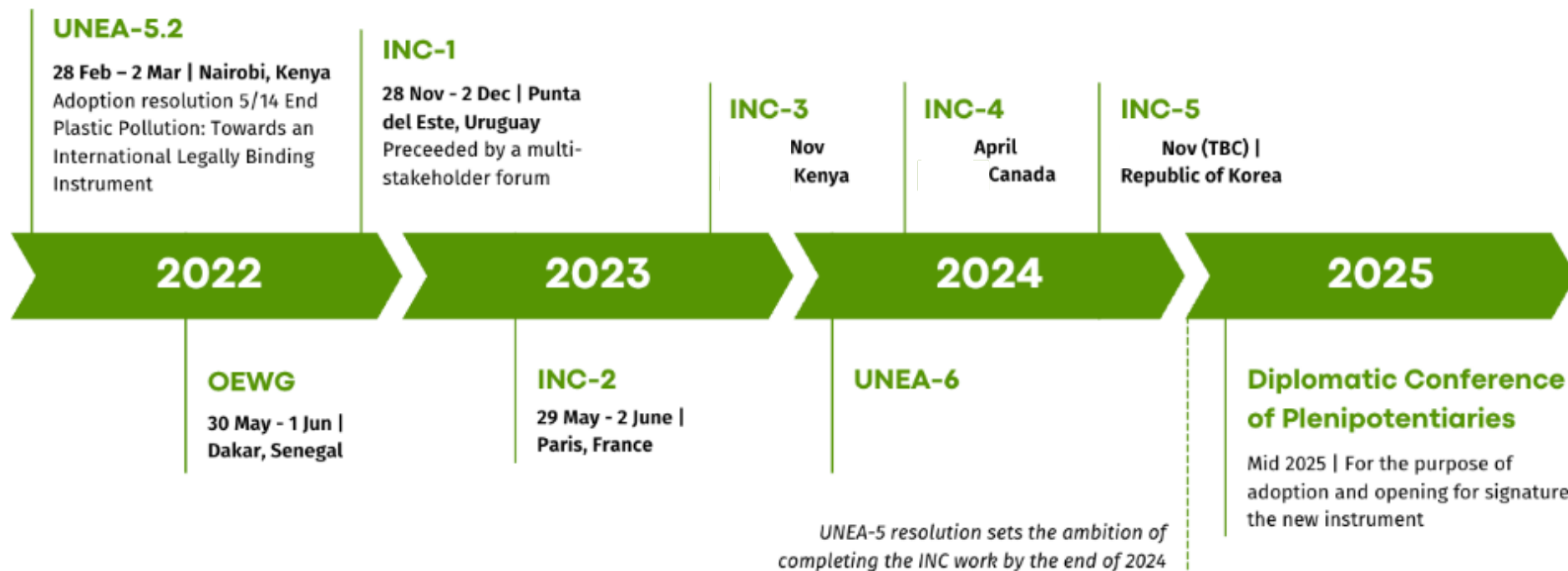
# UNEA Resolution 5/14

→ UNEP Executive Directive: convene **intergovernmental negotiating committee (INC)** to develop an **international legally binding instrument (ILBI)** on plastic pollution

## Scope:

- Life-cycle approach
- Including in the marine environment (but not limited to it)
- Binding and non-binding elements
- Principles: Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, respect for national circumstances and capabilities
- Just transition
- Stakeholder engagement

# Negotiations timeline



# Agenda of the negotiations

INC-1: procedural and organisational matters + general ambition

INC-2: procedural issues + exchanges of views on potential options for elements (Objective, core obligations, control measures, and voluntary approaches, implementation measures, and means of implementation)

INC-3: pre-sessions submissions + Zero Draft

INC-4: The agenda will depend on the outcomes of INC-3 (November)

→ Enter in « real » negotiation and treaty-making mode ?

# Main goals

- Advance in negotiations : Second last session in the resolution's mandate (only 8 month left)
- Put ambition high : end plastic pollution (whole lifecycle approach, enable a circular economy for plastics, create a global level playing field...)
- Sticking points: Finances, EPR, CBDR, production caps

# Team

Multi-skills (political scientists, lawyers, chemist, ingeneers,...)

- FPS HFCSE, Product policy & chemicals (Ward Caytan, Antoine Chavanne, Bérénice Huet, Ezéchiél Lerat)
- FPS HFCSE, Marine environment (Senne Aertbelien, Loes Rutten)
- FPS FATDC, MD8 (Sébastien Willemart)
- Dpt Omgeving (Leen Chanet, Lien Bomans)
- Ovam (Pieter Vervinckt)
- Brussels Environment (Céline Rigole)
- BELT



# Organisation

## 1. Coordination EU position

- ▶ How ? Workshops and working groups
- ▶ Working Party on International Environmental Issues Global
- ▶ EU coordinations

## 2. Team BE:

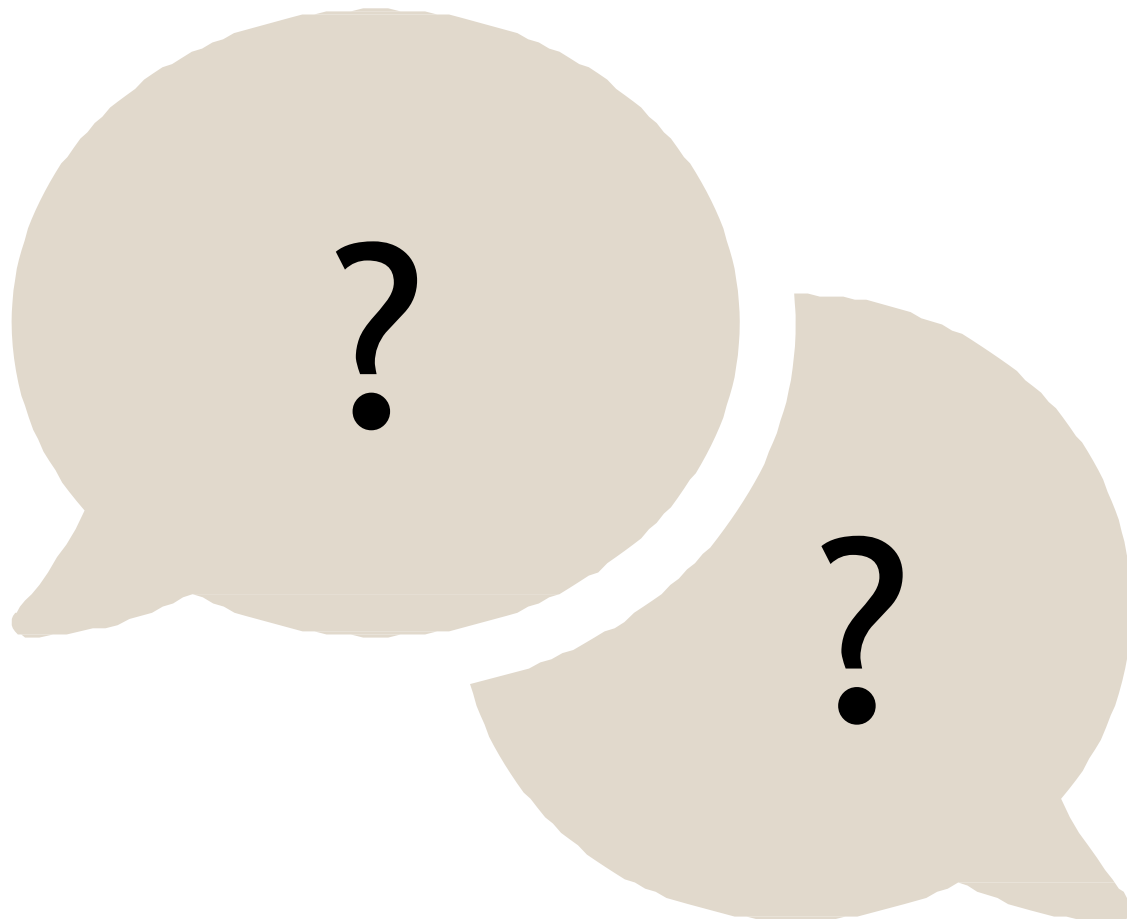
Try to identify everyone's talent/skills (in addition to availability and working area) : speaking, writing, moderating, buying sandwiches, massages,...

## 3. Tasks division: attending plenaries, contact groups, day VS nightwatch, side-events, outreach, EU/HAC coordinations,...

## 4. Communication

Work in English, weekly coordination meeting, WhatsApp group, TEAMS





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