

Comparison Table of Elements of the Future Plastics Treaty

Key facts:

- The potential structure proposed by the Chair follows a full lifecycle approach proposed in the previous and current versions of the draft
- V.3: For the first time elements/provisions are titled as “Articles”
- Following stand-alone provisions are not included, or at least as stand-alone provisions:
 - Scope
 - Chemicals and polymers of concern
 - Micro- and nanoplastics
 - Dedicated programmes of work
 - Non-plastic substitutes
 - Extended producer responsibility
 - Trade in listed chemicals, polymers and products, and in plastic waste
 - Transparency, tracking, monitoring and labelling
 - Technology transfer
 - International Cooperation
 - Partner and stakeholder engagement
 - Subsidiary bodies
- V.3: National Plans are included initially as voluntary
- V.3: The stand-alone article on plastic product design (not included at V.1 and V.2) is reintroduced within the V.3 text:
- V.3: The following stand-alone articles (not included at V.2) are reintroduced within the V.3 text:
 - Health
 - Settlement of Disputes
 - Amendments to the Convention
 - Adoption and amendment of annexes to the Convention
 - Right to Vote
 - Signature
 - Ratification, acceptance, approval or accession
 - Entry into force,
 - Reservations
 - Withdrawal
 - Depositary
 - Authentic texts
- The notion of potential Annexes was reintroduced within the V.3, although provisions 3,4 of the V.2 mentioned the possibility.

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	Zero Draft	INC 3 Rev Zero Draft	INC 4 Compilation of draft text	Potential Structure (Chair) V.1 (September 5th)	Potential Structure (Chair) V.2 (September 26)	Potential Structure (Chair) V.3 (October 29)
Part I	1. Preamble (placeholder)	1. Preamble (placeholder)	1. Preamble	Preamble including - Principles, including relevant principles of international law - Just transition - Overarching provision - Relationship to existing agreements	Preamble – including Principles including relevant principles of international law – Approaches, - Just transition (Under obligation 8) Overarching provision – Relationship to existing agreements	Preamble
	2. Objective	2. Objective (placeholder)	2. Objective	1. Objective	1. Objective	Article 1. Objective
	3. Definitions (placeholder)	3. Definitions (placeholder)	3. Definitions	2. Definitions	2. Definitions	Article 2. Definitions
	4. Principles (placeholder)	4. Principles (placeholder)	[4. Principles [and approaches]]	[4. Principles [and approaches]]	Preamble – Principles – Approaches – Overarching	(Under preamble)

					provision	
	5. Scope (placeholder)	5. Scope (placeholder)	5. Scope	5. Scope		
Part II	1. Primary plastic polymers	1. Primary plastic polymers	1. [[Primary [and secondary] plastic polymers]	[[Primary [and secondary] plastic polymers] 3. Supply	3. 4. Supply	4.-Article 6. Supply
	2. Chemicals and polymers of concern	2. Chemicals and polymers of concern	2. [Cooperation and coordination with relevant MEAs on] [[Chemicals [and polymers] of concern [in [plastics and] plastic products]]]	5. Chemicals [and polymers] of concern as used in plastic products	(Under Provision 3)	(Under Article 3)
			[Alt title: Hazardous chemicals [in plastics and plastic products] of concern]			
	3. Problematic and avoidable plastic products, including short-lived and single-use plastic products and intentionally added microplastics	3. Problematic and avoidable plastic products, including short-lived and single-use plastic products and intentionally added microplastics	3. [[Problematic [plastic products] [and avoidable] [Single-use] plastic products] [[and groups of such products]], [[including] [short-lived] and	4. Plastic products: Supporting elements for 4-5: Product design - Dedicated programmes of work, including	4 3. Plastic products & chemicals of concern as used in plastic products Product design -Dedicated	Article 3. Plastic products & chemicals of concern as used in plastic products

		single-use plastic products] [[and [microplastics on their own and] [products containing] intentionally added] microplastics]] [[in plastics and plastics products]]	fishing gear - Non-plastic substitutes - Extended producer responsibility - Trade - Transparency	programmes of work, including fishing gear- Non-plastic substitutes -Extended producer responsibility -Trade -Transparency	
	3bis. Micro- and nanoplastics	[3bis Listing a product in Part II of Annex B [Problematic and avoidable plastic products] and Part III of Annex B [Problematic plastic products] [3 bis alt. Micro- and [nanoplastics]] (proposed placement: move to Provision 8)	[3 bis alt. Micro- and [nanoplastics]] (proposed placement: move to Provision 8)	(Under provision 2 and 3)	(Under Articles 2, 7 & 19)
4. Exemptions available to a Party upon request	4. Exemptions available to a Party upon request	4. [Exemptions available to a Party upon request]	6. Exemptions available to a Party upon request	(Under provision 3)	Article 4. Exemptions
	4bis. Dedicated programmes of work	[4bis. Dedicated programmes of work]	[4bis. Dedicated programmes of work] (Under Supporting	(Under provision 3)	(Under provision 3)

			elements for 4-5)		
5. Product design, composition and performance	5. Product design, composition and performance	5. Product design, [composition] and performance	5. Product design, [composition] and performance (Under Supporting elements for 4-5)	(Under provision 3)	Article 5. Plastic product design
6. Non-plastic substitutes	6. Non-plastic substitutes	6. Non-plastic substitutes	6. Non-plastic substitutes Under Supporting elements for 4-5)	(Under provision 3)	(Under Article 3, 5 and 12)
7. Extended producer responsibility	7. Extended producer responsibility	7. [[Extended] producer responsibility]	7. [[Extended] producer responsibility] (Under Supporting elements for 4-5)	(Under provision 6)	(Under Article 8)
8. Emissions and releases of plastic throughout its life cycle	8. Emissions and releases of plastic throughout its life cycle	8. Emissions and releases of plastic throughout its life cycle	7. Emissions and releases of plastic throughout its life cycle	7.5. Emissions and releases	Article 5 7: Emissions and releases
9. Waste management	9. Waste management	9. Waste management	8. Plastic waste, including transboundary movement of plastic waste	8.6. Plastic waste management including transboundary movement of plastic waste	Article 6 8: Plastic waste management
10. Trade in listed chemicals, polymers and	10. Trade [in listed chemicals[, polymers] and	10. Trade [in listed chemicals [, polymers] and	10. Trade [in listed chemicals [, polymers] and	-o-	(No trade measures. General references to

	products, and in plastic waste	products, and in plastic waste][related measures]	products, and in plastic waste] [related measures]	products, and in plastic waste] [related measures] (Under Supporting elements for 4-5)		cooperation with the WTO and recognition of other legal obligations in the Preamble and Article 16)
	11. Existing plastic pollution, including in the marine environment	11. Existing plastic pollution, including in the marine environment	11. Existing plastic pollution, including in the marine environment	9. Existing plastic pollution, including in the marine environment	9- 7. Existing plastic pollution, including in the marine environment	Article 7.9 Existing plastic pollution; including in the marine environment
	12. Just transition	12. Just transition	12. Just transition [pathways]	12. Just transition [pathways] (Under preamble)	8. Just transition	Article 8 10 Just transition
	13. Transparency, tracking, monitoring and labelling	13. Transparency, tracking, monitoring and labelling	13. Transparency, tracking, monitoring and labelling	13. Transparency, tracking, monitoring and labelling (Under Supporting elements for 4-5)	(Under provision 3)	(On transparency under Article 3 & 5, but not labeling)
		13bis. Overarching provision related to Part II	[13bis Overarching provision related to Part II	(Under Preamble)	Preamble – Principles – Approaches – Overarching provision	-0-
Part III	1. Financing	1. Financing [mechanism [and resources]]	1. Financing [mechanism [and resources]]	10. Finance, including the establishment of a Financial	10-9. Finance, including the establishment of a Financial	Article 9 11. Finance, including the establishment of a Financial

				Mechanism	Mechanism	Mechanism
	2. Capacity-building, technical assistance and technology transfer	2. Capacity-building, technical assistance and technology transfer	2. Capacity-building, technical assistance and technology transfer	11. Capacity building, technical assistance and technology transfer, including international cooperation	44- 10. Capacity building, technology assistance and technology transfer, including international cooperation	Article 10-12. Capacity building, technology assistance and technology transfer, including international cooperation
		[3.] Technology [transfer]	[3.] Technology [transfer]	[3.] Technology [transfer] (Under provision 11)	(Under provision 10)	(Under Article 12)
Part IV	1. National plans	1. National [Action][Implementation] Plans	1. National [Action][Implementation] Plans	13. National plans	43- 12. National Plans	Article 12 14. National Plans
	2. Implementation and compliance	2. Implementation and compliance	2. Implementation and compliance	12. Implementation and compliance	42- 11. Implementation and Compliance	Article 11 13. Implementation and Compliance
	3. Reporting on progress	3. Reporting on progress [of implementation]	3. Reporting on progress [of implementation]	14. Reporting on progress on progress [of implementation]	44- 13. Reporting	Article 13 15. Reporting

	4. Periodic assessment and monitoring of the progress of implementation of the instrument* and effectiveness evaluation	4. Periodic assessment and monitoring of the progress of implementation of the instrument* [and effectiveness evaluation]	4. Periodic assessment and monitoring of the progress of implementation of the instrument* [and effectiveness evaluation]	15. 15. Periodic assessment and Monitoring of progress of implementation of the instrument and effectiveness evaluation	15. 14. Monitoring of Progress and Effectiveness Evaluation	Article 14 16. Effectiveness Evaluation and Monitoring of Progress
	5. International cooperation	5. International cooperation	5. International cooperation	5. International cooperation (Under preamble and #11)	(Under provision 10)	(Under Article 12)
	6. Information exchange	6. Information exchange	6. Information exchange	16. Information exchange	16. 15. Information exchange	Article 15 17. Information exchange
	7. Awareness-raising, education and research	7. Awareness-raising, education and research [and development]	7. Awareness-raising, education and research [and development]	17. Awareness raising , education and research [and development]	17. 16. Awareness, education and research	Article 16 18. Awareness, education and research
	8. Stakeholder engagement	8. [Partner and] Stakeholder engagement	8. [Partner and] Stakeholder engagement	8. [Partner and] Stakeholder engagement		
		8bis. Health aspects	8bis. Health aspects	18. Health aspects	18. Health	Article 19. Health
Pa	1. Governing body	1. Governing body	1. Governing body	1. Governing body	19. 17. Conference	Article 17 20.

rt V	(placeholder)	(placeholder)		19. Conference of the Parties, including the ability to establish subsidiary bodies	of the Parties, including ability to establish subsidiary groups	Conference of the Parties, including ability to establish subsidiary groups
	2. Subsidiary bodies (placeholder)	2. Subsidiary bodies (placeholder)	2. Subsidiary bodies	2. Subsidiary bodies (Under provision 19)	(Under provision 3, 17)	(Under Articles 20, 21)
	3. Secretariat (placeholder)	3. Secretariat (placeholder)	3. Secretariat	20. Secretariat	18. Secretariat	Article 18 & 21. Secretariat
Pa rt VI	[Final provisions (placeholder)]		Final provisions			
			1. Settlement of disputes	21. Settlement of disputes	21. Settlement of disputes	Article 22. Settlement of disputes
			2. Amendments to the instrument*	22. Amendments to the instrument	22. Amendments to the instrument	Article 23. Amendments to the instrument
			3. Adoption and amendment of annexes	23. Adoption and amendment of annexes	23. Adoption and amendment of annexes	Article 24. Adoption and amendment of annexes
			4. Right to vote	24. Right to vote	24. Right to vote	Article 25. Right to vote

			5. Signature	25. Signature	25. Signature	Article 26. Signature
			6. Ratification, acceptance, approval or accession	26. Ratification, acceptance, approval or accession	26. Ratification, acceptance, approval or accession	Article 27. Ratification, acceptance, approval or accession
			7. Entry into force	27. Entry into force	27. Entry into force	Article 28. Entry into force
			8. Reservations	28. Reservations	28. Reservations	Article 29. Reservations
			9. Withdrawal	29. Withdrawal	29. Withdrawal	Article 30. Withdrawal
			10. Depositary	30. Depositary	30. Depositary	Article 31. Depositary
			11. Authentic texts	31. Authentic texts	31. Authentic texts	Article 32. Authentic texts
			Possible annexes to the instrument	Possible Annexes as necessary	(Under provisions 3 and 4) Annexes as necessary	[Annexes to be developed if and as necessary] (under Articles 3, 20 & 24)
	Appendix: Possible annexes to the instrument	Appendix: Possible annexes to the instrument	1. Indicative list of potential annexes			

Annex A Primary plastic polymers, and chemicals and polymers of concern	Annex A Primary plastic polymers, and chemicals and polymers of concern	Annex A Primary plastic polymers, and chemicals and polymers of concern	Annex A Primary plastic polymers, and chemicals and polymers of concern		
Annex B Problematic and avoidable plastic products, including short-lived and single-use plastic products and intentionally added microplastics	Annex B Problematic and avoidable plastic products, including short-lived and single-use plastic products and intentionally added microplastics	Annex B Problematic and avoidable plastic products, including short-lived and single-use plastic products and intentionally added microplastics	Annex B Problematic and avoidable plastic products, including short-lived and single-use plastic products and intentionally added microplastics		
Annex C Product design, composition and performance	Annex C Product design, composition and performance	Annex C Product design, composition and performance	Annex C Product design, composition and performance		
Annex D Modalities for the establishment and operation of EPR systems based on common principles	Annex D Modalities for the establishment and operation of EPR systems based on common principles	Annex D Modalities for the establishment and operation of EPR systems based on common principles	Annex D Modalities for the establishment and operation of EPR systems based on common principles		
Annex E Emissions and releases of plastic through its life cycle	Annex E Emissions and releases of plastic through its life cycle	Annex E Emissions and releases of plastic through its life cycle	Annex E Emissions and releases of plastic through its life cycle		
Annex F Waste management	Annex F Waste management	Annex F Waste management	Annex F Waste management		
Annex G Format for national plans	Annex G Format for national plans	Annex G Format for national plans	Annex G Format for national plans		

		Annex [X] - Effective measures at each stage of plastic lifecycle	Annex [X] Effective measures at each stage of plastic lifecycle	Annex [X] Effective measures at each stage of plastic lifecycle		
			1. Entire stage	1. Entire stage		
			2. Production stage	2. Production stage		
			3. Distribution/sale/consumption stage	3. Distribution/sale/consumption stage		
			4. Waste management and disposal stage	4. Waste management and disposal stage		
			5. Cross-cutting elements	5. Cross-cutting elements		
			2. [Proposed annexes relating to element II.2	2. [Proposed annexes relating to element II.2		
			2. [Proposed annexes relating to element II.2	2. [Proposed annexes relating to element II.2		
			3. Proposed annexes relating to elements II.3 and 3bis	3. Proposed annexes relating to elements II.3 and 3bis		
			a. [Proposed annex B	a. [Proposed annex B		
			b. [Annex X -	b. [Annex X -		

			Products	Products		
			c. [Annexes B]	e. [Annexes B]		
			4. Proposed annex relating to element II.5	4. Proposed annex relating to element II.5		