

An underwater photograph showing a white plastic bag floating in clear blue water. Sunlight rays filter through the water from above. The bag is crumpled and partially inflated.

**MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE
ON MARINE LITTER AND
PLASTIC POLLUTION**

Global Plastic Treaty

Draft Resolution on an International
Legally Binding Instrument on
Plastic Pollution

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Why do we need a resolution?



Plastic pollution requires urgent international cooperation and coordination



Existing international framework is fragmented and inadequate



Successive UNEA Resolutions and Expert Groups justify global action



Majority of countries support starting negotiations



Purpose of the resolution



Convene an Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC)



Establish an open mandate for negotiations



Identify key elements of the global response



Promote a comprehensive approach to address the lifecycle of plastics



INTERGOVERNMENTAL NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE

Establishes an INC with the mandate to develop a new legally binding global instrument

LIFECYCLE APPROACH TO PLASTICS

- Reduce plastic pollution in all environments
- Promote a circular economy for plastics

KEY ELEMENTS

- Shared objectives
- Reporting and monitoring
- National action plans and commitments
- Scientific and technical support
- Financial and technical assistance

CONTENT OF THE RESOLUTION



PATH AHEAD

UNEA 5.2

To be submitted for consideration at the United Nations Environment Assembly in February 2022

DIALOGUE FRAMEWORK

Establishes framework for future discussions

MULTILATERALISM

- Welcome co-sponsors and support
- Engage with Parties & exchange views