

LOCAL AND SUBNATIONAL GOVERNMENTS COALITION TO END PLASTIC POLLUTION



To: National focal points for the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) on Plastic Pollution

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Your Excellency,

The Local and Subnational Governments Coalition to End Plastic Pollution (Coalition) acknowledges your country's progressive leadership in the negotiations for an ambitious international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment (instrument).

Addressing plastic pollution is a complex issue, involving multiple sources, actors and stakeholders; this requires a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach to deliver effective solutions. Local and Subnational Governments (LSNG) are amongst the first to be impacted by plastic pollution, have in-depth knowledge on local issues, often have locality-specific regulatory powers and the ability to enhance implementation and enforce actions.

That is why one of the main goals of the Coalition is to engage Member States and the INC Secretariat with a unified voice towards the inclusion of LSNG in the final instrument. LSNG need to be considered in the instrument as they will play a critical role in implementing the obligations set in it.

As we gladly welcome the two mentions on the role of LSNG in the Chair's Text (1 December 2024) in article 8 and in article 12, we would like to respectfully urge you to consider the Coalition's suggested language on the Chair's Text (1 December 2024), enclosed to this letter. We believe it will assist your efforts to better enable the reduction of plastic pollution and strengthen other aspects that are within the competencies of LSNG. Particularly when it comes to implementation and based on our previous experience with similar agreements that includes in the climate and biodiversity sectors. For further information please contact Dr Magash Naidoo, Head: Circular Development, World Secretariat, ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability (Magashen.Naidoo@iclei.org).

The Coalition remains optimistic that an ambitious agreement regarding the instrument can be reached at INC-5.2 and wishes you success in your important endeavour.

Yours sincerely,

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Encl.: Coalition's Suggested language on the Chair's Text (1 December 2024)

CC: INC Secretariat