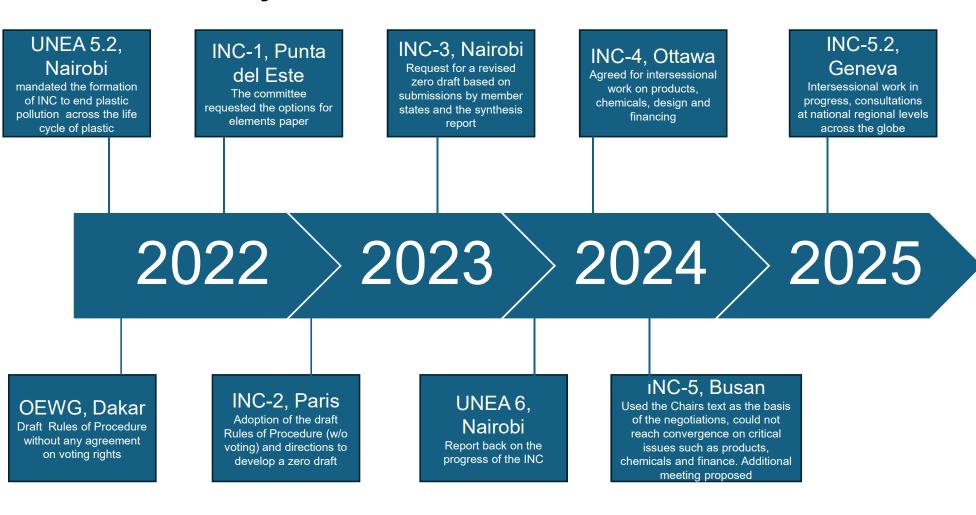


Country Positions: Global Plastic Treaty

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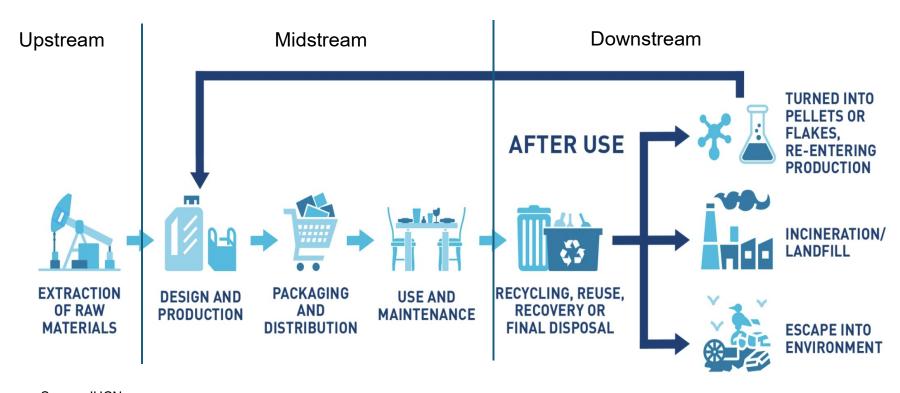
The story so far.....



What does the <u>resolution 5/14</u> say?

- convene an intergovernmental negotiating committee (INC)
- "Decides that the intergovernmental negotiating committee is to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment, which could include both binding and voluntary approaches, based on a comprehensive approach that addresses the <u>full life cycle of</u> <u>plastic....</u>"

Life cycle of plastic



Source: IUCN

What is this report about?

Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment

1 December 2024

CHAIR'S TEXT1

[PREAMBLE

The Parties to this Convention.

Midstream

Noting with concern that the high and rapidly increasing levels of plastic pollution, including in the marine environment, represent a serious environmental and human health problem, negatively impacting the environmental, social and economic dimensions of sustainable development.

Acknowledging the important role played by plastics in human society, and stressing the importance of establishing effective mechanisms throughout the plastic lifecycle to promote plastic circularity and prevent leakage of plastics in the environment,

Recognizing the significant contribution made by all workers in the plastics sector, especially those that are in informal and cooperative settings and small and medium-sized enterprises, to the collection, sorting and recycling of plastics in many countries,

Underlining the importance of science-based decision-making and the contributions of scientific, economic, social, and technical information, including traditional knowledge and indigenous knowledge systems, for the implementation of measures to reduce plastic pollution and to improve the understanding of the full life cycle of plastics and of the global impact of plastic pollution and measures to address them,

Reaffirming the principles of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, adopted in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1992, including, inter alia, the principle of common but differentiated responsibility and respective capabilities, sustainable development and the sovereign right of states to exploit their own resources pursuant

ARTICLES ANALYSED BY CSE ON THE BASIS OF ON IN-SESSION SUBMISSIONS FROM MEMBER STATES

- Preamble
- Scope
- · Principles and Approaches
- Article 1: Objective
- Article 2: Definitions
- Article 3: Plastic products

 Article 5: Plastic product design

 Upstream
- Article 6: Supply
- Article 7: Releases and leakages
- · Article 8: Plastic waste management
- Article 9: Existing plastic pollution
- Article 10: Just transition
- Article 11: Financial [resources and] mechanism
- Article 12: Capacity building, technical assistance and technology transfer, including international cooperation

Downstream

- Article 13: Implementation and Compliance
- Article 14: National plans
- Article 15: Reporting
- Article 16: Effectiveness evaluation
- Article 17: Information exchange
- Article 18: Public information, awareness, education and research
- Article 19: Health
- · Article 20: Conference of Parties

Status of the Articles of the future instrument

Broad agreement

Article 8 (Plastic) Waste Management

Article 10
Just Transition

Actively being negotiating

Article 5 Product Design

Article 11
Financing
Mechanisms

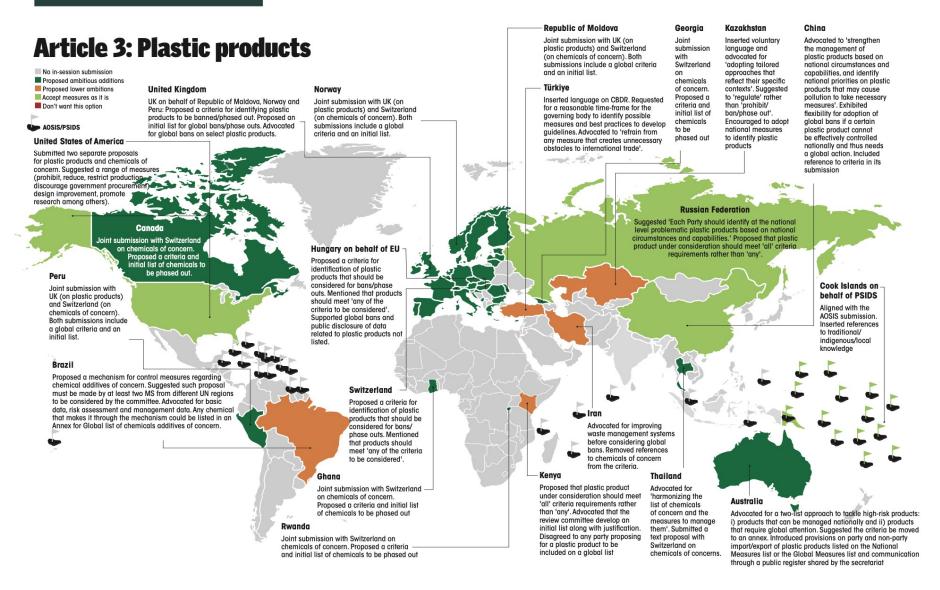
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Plastic Products

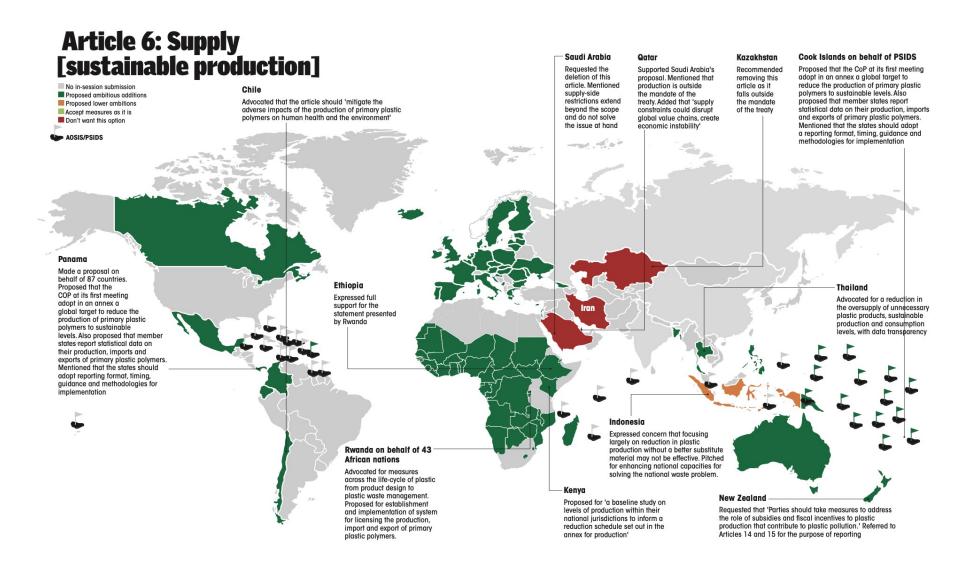
Disagreement

Trade (no article)

Article 19 Health Aspects

> Article 6 Supply





Hungary on behalf Türkiye Kazakhstan India China **Article 5: Plastic product** of EU Agreed to Mentioned Advocated for a Advocated for legally binding that primary a voluntary legally binding Advocated for a legally approach with binding approach. approach plastic polymers approach design to promote 'consideration are outside Inserted Suggested the CoP to of national eco-design the scope language 'establish a process and of plastic of the future priorities and on 'national schedule of work for the products based instrument circumstances circumstances'. development of specific on national and requested Inserted language design and performance and No in-session submission **United Kingdom** circumstances substitution capabilities'. on 'minimizing requirements for priority Proposed ambitious additions Advocated for a legally binding approach. Proposed the future CoP to adopt a 'product of language Removed leakages from the products, through a Proposed lower ambitions capabilities after use of plastic on 'reduce references to sectoral approach'. Accept measures as it is design and performance requirements, the use of products'. Stressed sector based Don't want this option following a sectoral approach'. the inclusion life cycle primary plastic approach, approach' polymers' retaining of bio-based, with 'plastic product based biodegradable AOSIS/PSIDS and compostable products in the alternatives. Saudi Arabia Opted for a voluntary approach. Proposed implementation through **United States** relevant standards of America organization'. Advocated for national-level 'application-Replaced specific certification 'encouraged' with procedures and labelling 'shall' advocating measures for plastics and for legally binding plastic products' measures. Removed the obligation on the future CoP to adopt guidance at its first meeting. Brazil Advocated for a voluntary approach. Opted for a voluntary approach Removed reference to sector based 'to promote enhanced design approach. Replaced 'reduce use of Advocated for a voluntary and performance of plastic PPP' with 'reduce demand of PPP'. approach, based on products, taking into account national circumstances and relevant standards and capacity of each country guidelines, including sector- or product-specific national standards and Indonesia Qatar quidelines' Advocated for a Preferred no text legally binding Ethiopia on behalf of AGN for this article but approach. Did Aligned with South Africa's exhibited flexibility not mention intervention on behalf of the African to adopt proposal keywords such as Group. Used strong language such put forth by Russia national/global Advocated for a legally binding approach. Inserted language as 'harmonized design approach', Suggested voluntary guidelines, on 'in accordance with minimum criteria-based global

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article is retained

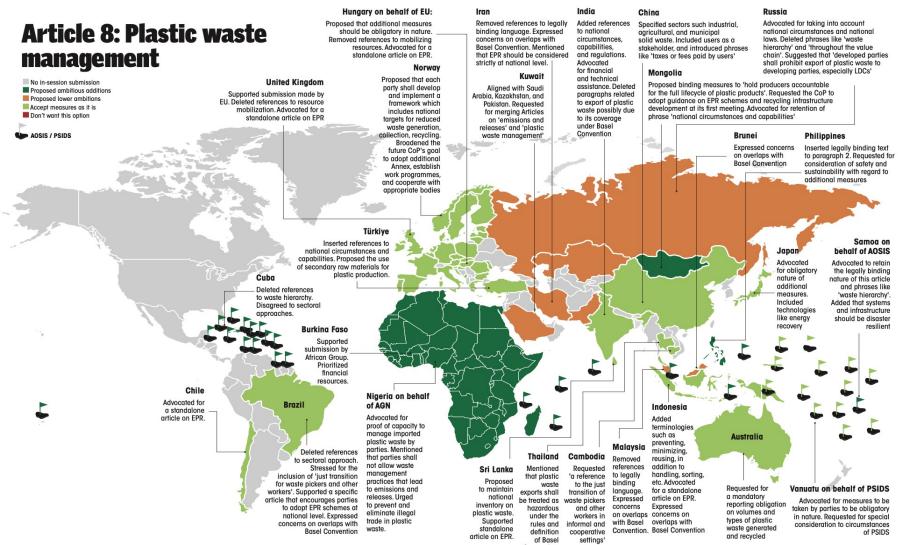
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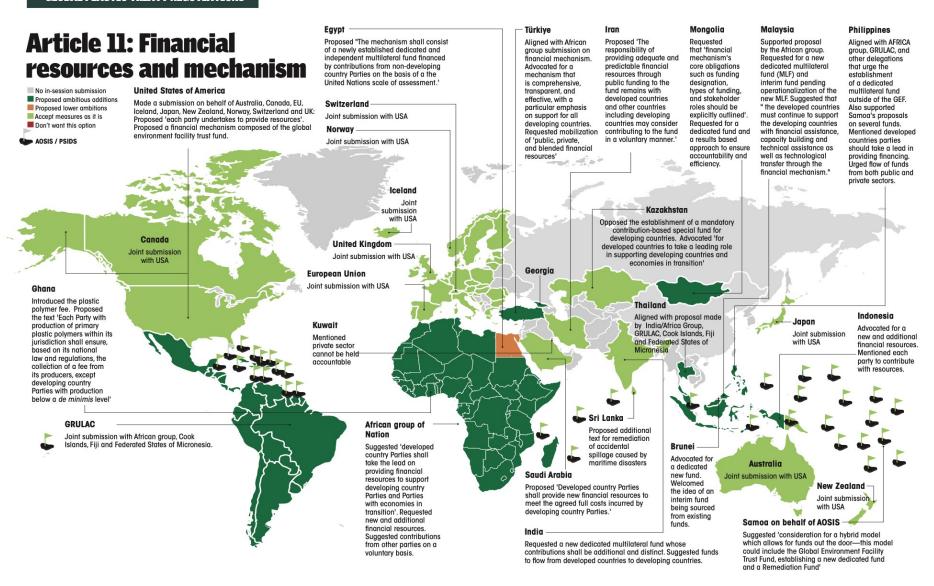
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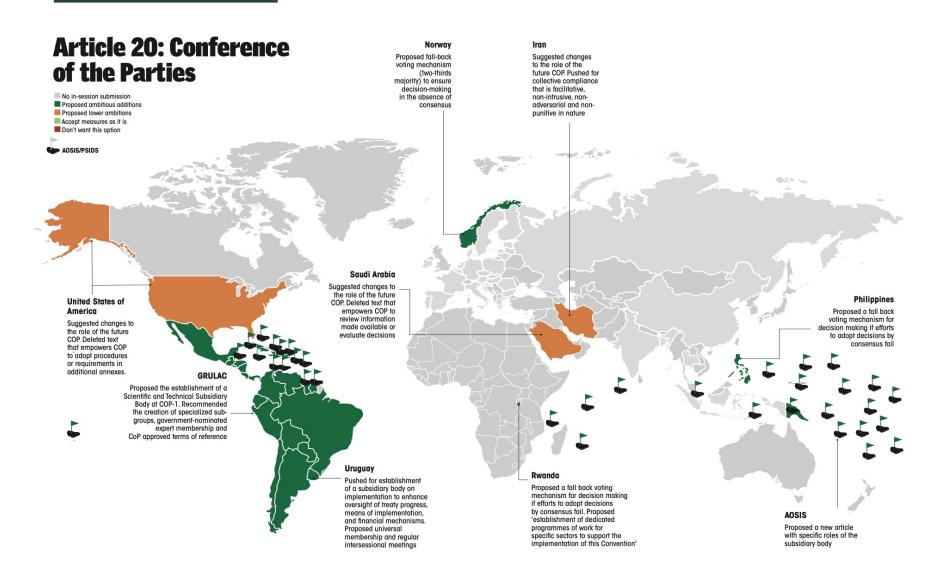
different products and sectors'



Convention.

GLOBAL PLASTIC TREATY NEGOTIATIONS





Thank you!

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