

4. Invitations related to decision OEWG-11/8 on marine plastic litter and microplastics

Decision: OEWG-11/8: Marine plastic litter and microplastics

Background:

In accordance with the activities related to marine plastic litter and microplastics included in its work programme set out in the annex to decision BC-13/17, the Open-ended Working Group, at its eleventh meeting, considered relevant options available under the Convention to further address marine plastic litter and microplastics and welcomed the report set out in document UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/22 and took note of the information on activities related to marine plastic litter and microplastics undertaken by Basel Convention regional centres contained in document UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/22/Add.1.

Draft elements as a basis for a decision by the Conference of the Parties on marine plastic litter

In paragraphs 2–5 of decision OEWG-11/8, the Open-ended Working Group agreed that the draft elements set out in the annex to that decision should be a basis for a decision by the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting on further actions on marine plastic litter and microplastics and invited Parties and others to submit comments on those draft elements to the Secretariat by 31 October 2018.

The Secretariat was requested to prepare a draft decision based on those draft elements, taking into account the comments received from Parties and others for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting, and to reflect the elements set out in sections 7, 8 and 9 of the annex to decision OEWG-11/8 in the draft decisions on relevant agenda items to be considered by the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting.

Draft terms of reference of the partnership on plastic wastes and its work programme

In paragraphs 6–9 of decision OEWG-11/8, the Open-ended Working Group welcomed with appreciation the proposal submitted by the Government of Norway on the establishment of a partnership on plastic wastes, recommended to the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting the establishment of a partnership on plastic wastes that also addresses marine plastic litter and microplastics and invited Parties and others to provide comments on the draft terms of reference of the partnership set out in the annex to document UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/39 as well as suggestions on elements of the work programme of the partnership for the biennium 2020–2021 by 17 December 2018.

The Secretariat was requested to revise the draft terms of reference of the partnership and prepare a draft work programme of the partnership for the biennium 2020–2021, taking into account the discussions at the eleventh meeting of the Open-ended Working Group and comments and suggestions received from Parties and others, and to submit the revised draft terms of reference and the draft work programme to the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting for its consideration and possible adoption.

Invitations:

	Invitations	Respondents	Method of submission	Deadline for submission
(a)	Parties and observers invited to submit comments on the draft elements set out in the annex to decision OEWG-11/8 to the Secretariat	Parties and observers	Please submit comments on the draft elements set out in the annex to decision OEWG-11/8 to the Secretariat contact point provided below. The draft elements are annexed to the present communication.	31 October 2018

	Invitations	Respondents	Method of submission	Deadline for submission
(b)	Parties and others invited to provide comments on the draft terms of reference of the partnership and suggestions on elements of the work programme of the partnership for the biennium 2020–2021	Parties and others	Please submit comments on the draft terms of reference of the partnership ¹ and suggestions on elements of the work programme of the partnership for the biennium 2020–2021 to the Secretariat contact point provided below.	17 December 2018

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¹ UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/39, Ibid.