

GENERAL REPORT INC-2 WMG

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About the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC)

In February 2022, at the resumed fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-5.2), a historic resolution (5/14) was adopted to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment with the ambition to complete the negotiations by end of 2024. The instrument is to be based on a comprehensive approach that addresses the full life cycle of plastic.

The first session of the INC (INC-1) took place at Punta del Este Convention and Exhibition Centre from 28 November to 2 December 2022.

The second session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment (INC-2) took place from 29 May to 2 June 2023 at the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Headquarters in Paris, France.

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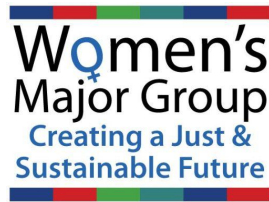
[Draft report of the intergovernmental negotiating committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment, on the work of its second session](#)

[Draft decision on the draft provisional agenda of the third session of the intergovernmental negotiating committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment](#)

[Discussions in Open Ended Consultations on Rules 37 and 38 \(1\)](#)

Contact Group 1

[Co-facilitator's report on discussions in Contact Group 1](#)



Contact Group 2

[Co-facilitator's report on discussions in Contact Group 2](#)

Introduction

The participation of the Women's Major Group during the INC-2 was key considering that plastics pollution affects and has a bigger impact on women's health and women's rights.

To participate in this INC-2 we nominated 6 to the secretariat and Ruth Spencer was selected to participate with funding support from WMG.

Our participation during the INC-2 was focused on the promotion of the topics of interest from the WMG during the INC-2 with statements during the plenary, contact groups and using the Social Networks Toolkit.

To communicate during the INC-2 the whatsapp was the regular channel, for that purpose we created a whatsapp group for those with interest following the INC-2 or participating in-person INC-2.

Participants in person:

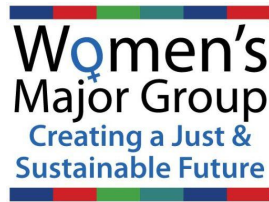
- Ruth Spencer
- Sasha Gabizon
- Chris
- Giulia
- Francheska
- Ndeye Fatou
- Yarivith Gonzalez
- Lena Estrada
- Alexandra Caterbow
- Beth O'Connel
- Add your name here ...

Summary of Meetings

During the INC-2 the WMG held two meetings, one hybrid and one In-person.

- First meeting summary:

Participants: Sara, Francheska Márquez, Valentina Muñoz, Ruth Spencer, Sasha, Yarivith Gonzalez, Fatu, Dalia.



Agenda: 1. Round of presentations; 2. Update, dialogue and reflections about INC-2; 3. Summary Contact groups; 4. Statement for closing plenary.

2. Update, dialogue and reflections about INC-2: During this meeting we talked about how plastic pollution affects women and children, also we shared our reflections about what we need for a gender just transition to reduce plastics production and pollution.

3. Summary Contact groups:

Contact Group 1: Germany gave space for observers.

Contact group 2: Funding program developing countries, small island economies. A lot of talks about how to cooperate and coordinate. More Coordination involving the private sector and major groups. Capacity building, capacity cleaning enforcement, how we can set up and coordinate MGs like Basel convention, Minamata convention.

4. Statement for closing plenary:

We agreed to include to the closing plenary statement:

- Gender dimensión it should not be only in the introduction, and should be in the implementation paragraph.
- Include numbers into the final statement.
- Valentina shared a statement about wasting time during the INC process and other about general inputs. We agreed to take those into consideration for the development of the statement for closing plenary.
- Proposed to include (If you don't know if something is harmful for health, use the precautionary principle).
- We agreed that Ruth would be the designated person to read the WMG statement in the closing plenary.

5. Pictures:





- Second meeting summary:

Participants: Sara, Francheska Márquez, Valentina Muñoz, Ruth Spencer, Sasha, Yarivith Gonzalez, Beth Dalia.

Agenda: 1. Round of presentations; 2. Update; 3. Statement for closing plenary;

2. Update: We talked about the social networks toolkit and its use to promote the statement and views from WMG, about the progress because some states mentioned women and gender perspectives.

3. Statement for closing plenary: A review of the draft statement was made and some modifications were made. Additionally, a test reading of the statement was made.

4. Picture:



Notes:

- Unfortunately we were not given the floor to speak in the closing plenary, but we sent the statement to the secretariat.

Link with both statements officially sended to the secretariat on behalf of the Women's Major Group:

- First Statement:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/10oPFkE79qDi1fZIGZ698rZunMu0h1GTclm6UXrgJtgU/edit?usp=drive_link
- Second statement:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1W3b8dFxZ3iOwIIHdVvln6kJyBew9ei5gNhqGq7idaL0/edit?usp=drive_link