



LEADERSHIP NEEDED FOR PROGRESS

NEW TEXT MUST REFLECT AMBITIOUS MAJORITY

Despite growing majority support, clean text on most of the essential elements in the treaty have made little progress in the last week. These include Articles 3, 5, and 20, which crucial for an effective agreement when paired with a constructive spirit approaching Article 11.

The [Swiss-Mexico proposal](#) on Article 3, formally supported by 85 countries, the [Chile-UK proposal](#) on Article 5, formally supported by 32 countries, and the [Peru-Colombia proposal](#) on Article 20, formally supported by 118 countries, are still the strongest and best-supported basis to streamline text for an ambitious and effective treaty.

WWF calls on states to ensure these proposals are integrated and reflected in text negotiations, and defend them against attempts to water down these essential elements in the treaty text.

NEWS IN BRIEF

- **CG1** met in the evening to report back on informals on Article 3 and Article 5.
 - The informal on Article 3 resulted in an [informal proposal](#) by the co-facilitators of the informals, which prompted divergent views and the need for more in-depth discussions. The proposal, *inter alia*, presents five options on relevant subsidiary bodies, and five options on specifying “Global coordination and/or global measures”, including no-text option on both. The proposal overall shows a heavily diluted basis for global phaseouts of harmful plastic products, including those containing chemicals of concern.
 - The informal on Article 5 made some limited progress in the discussion on concepts, and continued to focus on paragraph 1. Countries voiced their desire for further informals on both Articles.
 - After the informals report, the co-chairs proposed immediately moving into an informal on scope. Several countries raised concerns on the prioritisation of scope (no text in Chair’s text) over Article 6, which has not yet been discussed in an informal. After a recess, the group decided to schedule country-led informal-informals on both scope and Article 6, back-to-back in the morning of Day 8.
- **CG2** met briefly to present progress made during informal discussions on Article 7, 8, 9 and 10.
 - There was a request to upload streamlined text on some paragraphs in Article 8, but this was rejected due to lack of consensus on the streamlined text. Proposals were made to further synthesize text and to ensure alignment with other MEAs, particularly with regards to Article 9.
 - The co-facilitators requested that informals continue making progress, and then adjourned the meeting early to move into informals. The outcome of informals on [Article 7](#) and a co-chair’s informal proposal on [Article 8](#) can be found on the in-session portal.
- **CG3** met twice, with informal discussions during the day on both Articles 11 and 12.
 - In the afternoon, the CG heard report from informals on Article 11, which discussed mutual understanding on landing zone options for the financial mechanism. Views diverged on next steps based on the [new document provided by the co-facilitators](#). With no outcome on the way forward on Article 11, states proceeded to discuss Article 12, focusing on cross-cutting issues for the rest of the session.

- In the evening, divisions emerged over Article 11, particularly the financial mechanism, with developing countries rejecting the outcomes of informal discussions and calling for the previous iteration of the co-chairs' text to be forwarded to the Chair. While some delegations pushed for continued line-by-line negotiations on the current text iteration, others urged a shift to political-level discussions to resolve the impasse. The co-chairs committed to report the situation to the Chair and encouraged informal consultations to explore bridging options.
- **CG4** met briefly in the morning to report back that an initial reading of Article 19 had been successfully completed in informals. The group then agreed to begin textual negotiations on the Preamble and Articles 1bis, 23bis and 14-16 in informals, and adjourned to begin these informals.

PROGRESS ON ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS

WWF's daily bulletins at INC-5.2 use the traffic-light system to track the status of essential elements for an effective legally binding global treaty to end plastic pollution. Progress will be rated for each element as:

- green (on track towards strong text for an ambitious treaty);
- yellow (on track towards strong text, but slow progress);
- orange (heading in a counterproductive direction); and
- red (regressing, on track towards weak treaty text).

Must-have elements	As of end of Day 7
Binding global bans and phase-outs of specific plastic products, including those containing chemicals of concern	Heading in a counterproductive direction
Harmonised requirements on product design and systems necessary for a non-toxic circular economy	Heading in a counterproductive direction
A comprehensive financing and means of implementation package	On track towards ambitious text, but slowly
Mechanisms to enable strengthening of the treaty over time	On track towards ambitious text, but slowly

For deeper assessments and recommendations on treaty must-haves, please refer to the [Day 5 bulletin](#). Due to the frequency of informals and informal-informals, and lack of progress on streamlined text on must-have elements in the treaty, the assessment and recommendations on these elements have not changed significantly.

WHAT TO EXPECT ON DAY 8

- **CG1:** A room will be made available for informal-informals on Day 8, with scope discussed from 10-11am and Article 6 discussed from 12-1pm, followed by continued informal-informals on Article 3 from 1-3pm. There will be an informal on Article 5 from 3-5:30pm. The CG will reconvene 5:30-6:30pm to recap the informal discussions.
- **CG2:** Informals will be held from 10am-12pm on Article 10 and Article 9 will be discussed from 1-3pm, followed by an informal on Article 7 from 6-7pm. There will be an informal on Article 8 from 10:30-11:30pm.
- **CG3:** An informal will be held on Article 11 and 12 from 11am-1pm. The CG will reconvene from 3-5:30pm.
- **CG4:** The CG will meet from 10-11am. Informals on Article 20 and 20bis will take place from 12-1pm and 1-3pm, respectively. There will be an informal on Article 1bis and the Preamble from 3-5pm. The CG will reconvene from 5-6pm.



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