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MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Directors
Environmental Management Bureau
Climate Change Service
Biodiversity Management Bureau

FROM : The OIC Director
Policy and Planning Service

**SUBJECT : ASEAN COORDINATION MEETING ON THE ONGOING INC
PROCESSES FOR GLOBAL PLASTIC POLLUTION TREATY ON 11
SEPTEMBER 2023 VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE**

DATE : 08 SEP 2023

This refers to the email from Ms. Natalia Derodofa requesting feedback/advice from the Philippines as ASOEN Chair on the conduct of a virtual coordination meeting on the International Negotiating Committee (INC) for Global Plastic Pollution Treaty, in line with the decisions during the 34th Meeting of the ASOEN.

The meeting will be held on 11 September 2023 (10:30 AM Philippine Time) via videoconference and the ASEAN Secretariat is proposing for the meeting to be opened by the Philippines as ASEAN Senior Officials on the Environment (ASOEN) Chair, followed by a presentation by the World Bank, and an exchange among ASEAN Member States in a closed session.

During the closed session, each AMS will discuss their priority issues and planned submissions to the 3rd Session of the INC to be held in November 2023, as well as ASEAN's role and contribution to the INC, potential lead country and AMS and ASEAN Secretariat participation at the INC-3. Expected participants include ASOEN National Focal Points, and Working Group Focal Points of ASEAN Working Group on Coastal and Marine Environment (AWGCME), ASEAN Working Group on Chemicals and Waste (AWGCW), and ASEAN Working Group on Environmentally Sustainable Cities (AWGESC).

In line with this, may we request the EMB for a draft Opening Statement for the said meeting as well as the presentation/discussion of our priority issues and planned submissions to the INC-3. May we also request the EMB, CCS and BMB to send representatives to attend the said meeting.

We would appreciate receiving a draft of the opening statement and presentation and planned submissions on or before 8 September 2023. Please also submit the names of your representatives by 8 September 2023. Attached is the

tentative programme for your reference. For further information or clarification, your staff may coordinate with Ms. Anna Michelle Lim of this Service. You may send advance copies via email through psddivision@gmail.com or policy@denr.gov.ph.

For your information and appropriate action, please.


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[Follow-up] [ASOEN Chair] [INC] Virtual Coordination Meeting on INC

1 message

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Mon, Sep 4, 2023 at 11:28 AM

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Dear Mr. Amaro,

Greetings from the ASEAN Secretariat.

We wish to follow-up on our email communication earlier regarding the proposed virtual coordination meeting on INC on 11 September 2023.

We would appreciate your kind feedback/guidance regarding the proposed meeting and your kind confirmation to deliver the opening remarks for the meeting.

Thank you.

Regards,

Natalia

From: Natalia Derodofa**Sent:** Wednesday, August 30, 2023 3:04 PM**To:** amaromarsjr@yahoo.com**Cc:** jonasrleones@gmail.com; ouppia@denr.gov.ph; odpps@yahoo.com; llarinamojica@gmail.com; psddivision@gmail.com; Environment Division <EnvironmentDivision@asean.org>**Subject:** [ASOEN Chair] [INC] Virtual Coordination Meeting on INC

Dear Mr. Amaro,

Greetings from the ASEAN Secretariat.

We wish to herewith consult and seek feedback/advice from Philippines as ASOEN Chair on the plan to conduct a virtual coordination meeting on INC, as a follow-up to the relevant decision of the 34th ASOEN Meeting, as follows:

The Meeting further agreed with Malaysia's suggestion to consider for the ASEAN Secretariat to coordinate a virtual coordination meeting, which will serve as a platform to exchange information on plastic pollution among AMS focal points on the ongoing INC processes and relevant Working Groups (e.g. AWGCW, AWGCME, AWGESC), as well as for discussion on the possibility to develop an ASEAN Joint Statement moving forward.

In this regard, we wish to propose to organise the virtual coordination meeting on **11 September 2023 (AM)**, with the proposed tentative agenda as enclosed.

The Meeting is proposed to be opened by ASOEN Chair, followed by a presentation by World Bank as technical partner of RAP during open session, and an exchange among AMS in a closed session.

The expected participants would be ASOEN NFPs, relevant working group NFPs (AWGCME, AWGCW, AWGESG), and AMS' focal points for INC.

We would appreciate ASOEN Chair's kind consideration and view/advice on the proposed date and agenda of the Meeting. Should this be agreeable, we will circulate save-the-date to AMS and make necessary preparation for the Meeting accordingly.

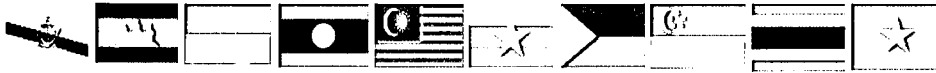
Thank you.

Regards,

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**ASEAN COORDINATION MEETING
ON THE ONGOING INC PROCESSES FOR GLOBAL PLASTIC POLLUTION TREATY**

11 September 2023 via Video Conference

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Participants:

- a) ASOEN Chairperson & National Focal Points
- b) AWGCME, AWGCW, AWGESC Chairpersons & National Focal Points
- c) AMS' Focal Points for INC
- d) ASEAN Secretariat
- e) World Bank (for Open Session)

Open Session		
09.30 – 09.40	Opening Remarks	ASOEN Chair (Philippines)
09.40 – 10.30	Background Information on INC Processes & Timeline	World Bank (Technical Partner of RAP ¹)
	Key Outstanding Issues from INC-1 & INC-2	
	Expectations for the INC-3 & Opportunities for ASEAN/AMS	
Closed Session		
10.30 – 11.30	Discussion on Key Priority Issues for AMS <i>(Each AMS to share briefly their priority issues and their planned submissions to INC-3. A pre-meeting questionnaire to identify AMS' priority issues may also be prepared and distributed to AMS before the Meeting)</i>	AMS
	Discussion on ASEAN's Role & Contribution in INC <i>(AMS to discuss on ASEAN's role and contribution in INC, how ASEAN can present as a group, potential lead country and coordination arrangements, and AMS' & ASEC participation at INC-3)</i>	ASEC & AMS
11.30 – 12.00	Next Steps & Way Forward	ASEC & AMS

¹ ASEAN Regional Action Plan on Combating Marine Debris in AMS