

The Stakes for the United States at Home and Abroad

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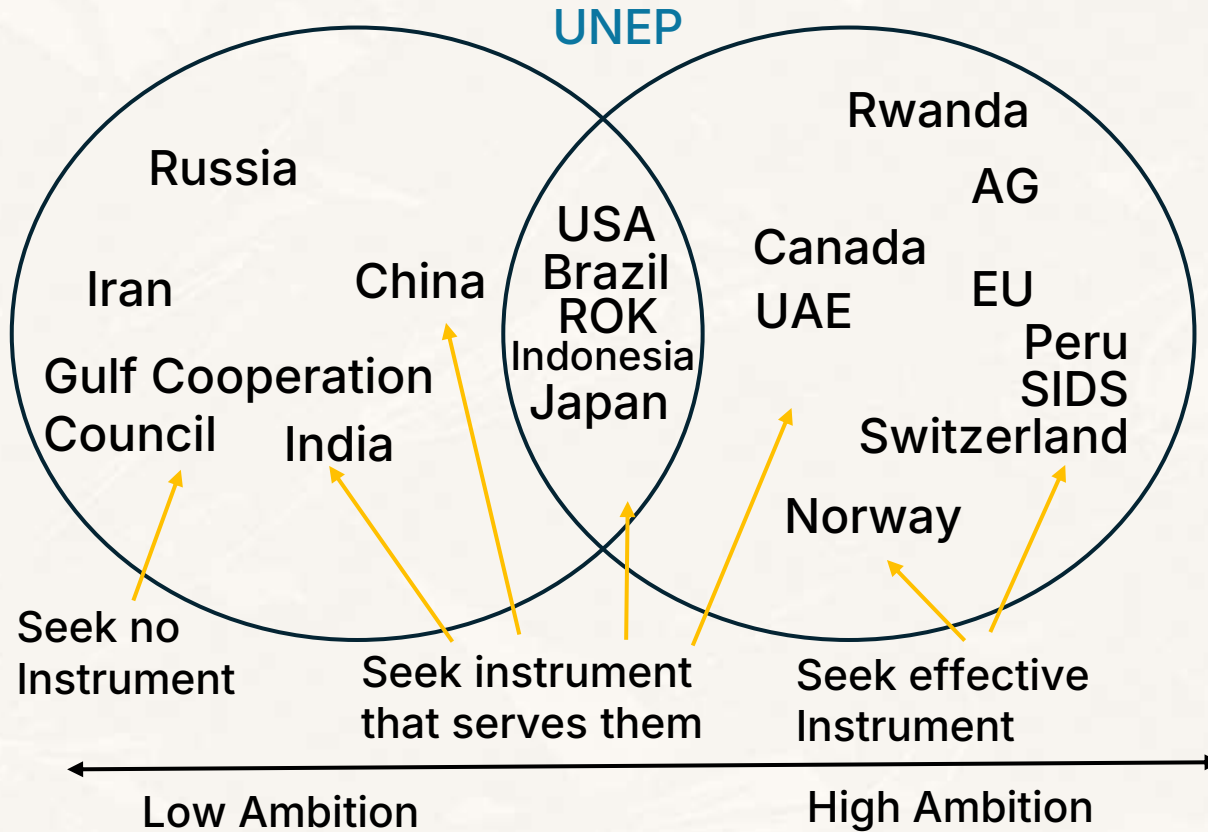


Plastic perpetuates historic injustices

- Indigenous, frontline, and fenceline communities sustain harms across every stage of the plastic lifecycle.
- Biden Administration is under a mandate to act through numerous bills and directed rulemakings to foster environmental justice
- Some of these are outlined in [Mobilizing Federal Action](#) report



Laying out the Chess Board



An Opportunity for Real Leadership

- Lighter feedstock volumes from shale fracked gas deposits produce less propylene (PP) coproduct from ethane crackers
- Increased availability of shale fracked gas has thus reduced propylene supply in the US
- China is expected to lead PP capacity additions globally via "on-purpose" propylene production technologies
- Production caps on polymers like PP could both demonstrate US leadership and provide strategic advantage

But we can't just lead on paper

- The US signaled openness to shifting their position on PPP, chemicals, and products and hold the line on previous shifts right before Bangkok
- If true, this could potentially break gridlock and ensure we leave Busan with a strong skeleton of the Treaty
- So far commitments have been private rather than public, and rhetorical rather than substantive
- Might change with the elections



The Non-Paper is a non-reflection of all views



- Non-paper 2.0 is DEFINITELY lower ambition
- “Supply” provisions include reference to a target but will largely be decided at the COP
- NP 2.0 references some positions we know were (implicitly) taken by member states in Bangkok (e.g., Chinese position on COCIPs)
- In principle this violates member led process
- INC 5 Agenda states the INC will now consider the Compilation Text, Non-Paper, and reports from Bangkok working groups, but likely only one will be the basis for negotiations

3. Plastic products & chemicals of concern as used in plastic products

Approved text expected at INC-5.

- This obligation would require each Party to not allow, to reduce a control manufacture, import or export of products, or categories of plastic products, listed in a potential annex, and of plastic products, or categories of plastic products, containing chemicals listed in an annex.
- The term “plastic products” could include intentionally added microplastics and fishing gear.
- Initial lists to be contained in annexes.
- Process and initial schedule for work for the Conference of the Parties (COP) to identify further plastic products and chemicals of concern as used in products to be subject to control, including process for review of the lists.
- The obligation can make a reference to national circumstances and capabilities and possible linkage to applications.
- The article could include references to:
 - Procedure for amending annexes;
 - Transparency and traceability.
- Guidelines/guidance to be developed by the COP to facilitate national implementation of this provision.

Work in the interim period between the DipCon and COP-1 (for adoption by the COP at its first meeting) could include:

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