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The second part of the fifth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment (INC-5.2) is scheduled to take place from August 5 to 14, 2025 in Geneva, Switzerland.

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Often referred to as the Global Plastics Treaty, 90+ countries are negotiating with one another to create a legally binding framework with the aim of combating plastic pollution globally.

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This is important because society is facing a Triple Planetary Crisis: human-driven climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution. Scientific evidence demonstrates that plastics are a contributing factor to all three of them.

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The available science also shows that the future Plastics Treaty can help mitigate the Triple Planetary Crisis by addressing pollution throughout the full plastics life cycle, including feedstock extraction, production, manufacture, use, transportation, and end-of-life. This includes the need for reducing the production of primary plastics.

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