

Contact Group 2 - Article 7, paragraph 1

Status of work as of 5 August 2025 (22:18)

1. The text below reflects that status of work of Contact Group 2 on article 7, paragraph 1, as of 5 August 2025, at 22:18.
2. Elements of text requiring further work are identified in square brackets.
3. Regarding **next steps**, members have been requested by the Co-Chairs to undertake further consultations on this text through informal informals, with the support of the UK, and to present proposed revised text for consideration at the next meeting of the Contact Group 2.

[ARTICLE 7- RELEASES AND LEAKAGES]

1. [Each Party [shall] [should] [may consider, where feasible and as appropriate, strategies [in a nationally determined manner,] to manage and reduce:] [taking into account national circumstances and capabilities] [take [administrative, technical, legal and /or other] [appropriate] [necessary] measures] [, as appropriate,] [, across the plastics life cycle,] to [assess or identify,] [prevent],[manage,] reduce, and, where [possible] [practicable], [eliminate]: [releases and leakages of [plastics [waste] [products], [including microplastics] [in accordance with the [guidance on specific sources] identified in paragraph 4], into the environment [including in the marine environment] [including [transboundary] [aquatic] system] and [from all sources], including [but not limited to]:]
- (c) [releases and leakages of [mismanaged plastic waste] [plastics] [products], [including microplastics], into the environment] [including in the marine environment] [, and from all sources];
- (c) [releases and leakages of [mismanaged plastic waste] [plastic pellets, flakes, [fibres] and powders [to the environment [in accident scenarios] [and] [including [transboundary]] aquatic systems [which happened unintentionally], taking into account [the respective mandate of and activities under] other relevant international instruments [specifically those under the IMO];],], [including by promoting, as appropriate, the adoption and implementation of standards and stewardship programs designed to minimise the releases of pellets, flakes, and powder in manufacturing and distribution operations]
- (c) [plastic [waste] [pollution] [of aquatic environment including continental waterbodies] from [marine activities] [fishing [and aquaculture] activities] [including, but not limited to] abandoned, lost, or otherwise discarded fishing gear, [in the marine environment], [taking into account [MARPOL provisions] [the livelihoods of fishers and fish workers in small scale and artisanal fisheries and aquaculture] other relevant multilateral agreements on this subject as well as the needs of artisanal and small-scale fishers] [in developing countries including in [all contexts] [the context] of a just transition] [poverty eradication and food security].

[(c) Bis Plastic particles through gas and waste water during manufacturing process]