

## Contact Group 2 - Article 8

### Status of work as of 6 August 2025 (19:06)

1. The text below reflects that status of work of Contact Group 2 on Article 8 as of 6 August 2025, at 19:06.
2. Elements of text requiring further work are identified in square brackets and changes to the Chair's Text as of 1 December 2024 are identified in **bold**.
3. Regarding **next steps**, members have been requested by the Co-Chairs to undertake further consultations on this text through an informal, facilitated by Chile, and to present proposed revised text for consideration at the next round of discussions on article 8.

## ARTICLE 8

### PLASTIC WASTE MANAGEMENT

1. Each Party [shall][**in accordance with national circumstances and capabilities**] [should [consider strategies]] [take [administrative, technical, legal and/or other necessary] measures to ensure that plastic waste is managed [within its territory] in an environmentally sound] [**in a nationally determined**] manner [**respecting the waste hierarchy [determined nationally] and protecting [human health] [One Health] and the environment**] [**taking into account**] [**in line with**] the waste hierarchy [determined nationally]] [, and], taking into account relevant [frameworks and] guidelines [**on the environmentally sound management of plastic waste adopted**] developed under the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal [**in its CoP 16**] and other [**Member States' driven multilateral environmental**] relevant [**multilateral**][**and regional**] agreements [and organizations [**on a voluntary basis**] [as well as] [and] guidance referred to in paragraph 6][5]].
2. In implementing paragraph 1, each Party [shall] [should] [may [consider in a nationally determined manner]], taking into account national circumstances and capabilities [**regarding Common But Differentiated Responsibilities (CBDR) principles**], [take measures] [**strategies including but not limited to, in no particular order**], [including [through regional cooperation] to] [**such as**] :
  - (a) Establish [appropriate] [**national waste management**] systems and [[disaster-] resilient] infrastructure at the [**regional,**] national and subnational levels for the [**environmentally sound management**] [safe handling, sorting, collection, transportation, storage, recycling and disposal, [including with energy recovery,] of plastic waste] [**recognizing the support required from developed country Parties to developing country Parties to achieve such measures**] [**in accordance with environmentally sound management and consistent with the [nationally determined] waste hierarchy**] [**without any impediment stemmed from unilaterally coercive measures**];
  - (b) [Promote] [Encourage] [the] [**toxic free**] [circular economy] [**context sensitive and inclusive of [local and informal systems] of reuse and recycling**] [**circularity**] [approaches] [**protective of [human health] and the environment**] [**through**] [**including but not limited to**] the establishment and maintenance of [**toxic free reuse, refill, repair**] based on [**best environmental**] local practices [**and best available technologies**] and Indigenous knowledge systems] [**as appropriate**], promote mechanical and chemical recycling];
  - (c) Set objectives [and targets] at the national level to [**implement reuse systems and**] increase the collection and recycling [rates] of plastic waste;
- (c) *Bis.* [**Post-Consumer recovery programs**];
- (d) Prevent littering, and prohibit open dumping [**and landfills**], open burning and ocean dumping of plastic waste, taking into account [**national policies and**] [**applicable**] [internationally agreed rules] [**other Member States' multilateral environmental agreements**];

- (e) [[Prevent [and] reduce] **[Collect and dispose] [and eliminate pollution from]** abandoned, lost, or otherwise discarded [plastic] fishing **[and aquaculture]** gear **[containing plastics];]**
- (f) [[Promote] **[Ensure] [and] [Facilitate]** [a] just transition[s] **[and the inclusion into the reuse, refill, repair and other related circular systems]** for plastic waste management workers, especially waste pickers and other [informal] workers **[in informal and other cooperative settings]**, including women, youth and small and artisanal fishers **[recognising their role as environmental agents and key actors in the recycling value chain in developing countries] [in accordance with article 10] ; [or] [and]]**
- (g) [[Promote behavioural [changes to] prevent and minimize plastic waste, including by raising public awareness] **[[and] promoting behavioural changes] [in accordance with article 18].]**

**(g) Bis. [Promote traceability systems for plastic waste] [in accordance with the Basel Convention commitments]**

- 3 [[Each Party shall **[consider,]** [take] [as] appropriate [,] [measures][**approaches]** to ensure [that] transboundary movement of plastic waste **[as defined by the Basel Convention,]** [is allowed only for the purpose of environmentally sound [management] **[[disposal].]] [in line with Basel Convention]** [Parties] that [are] **[is]** also [Parties] **[a Party]** to the Basel Convention shall **[comply] [[take] [consider as] appropriate [,] [measures] [approaches]** to ensure that transboundary movement of plastic waste is carried out in accordance] with [the] **[its]** obligations [of] **[under]** the Basel Convention **[[. Parties that are not Parties to the Basel Convention shall take measures to prohibit transboundary movement of plastic waste to developing country Parties, in accordance with the national [legislation and national] definition of plastic waste of the relevant developing country Party]** [and developed country Parties shall take measures to prohibit the export of plastic **[waste]** to developing country Parties]. In circumstances where the Basel Convention **[rules] [does] [do]** not apply, a Party [shall] **[may] [take][consider, as] appropriate [measures] [approaches]** to ensure that transboundary movement of plastic waste **[follows a prior notification and consent]** [is allowed only] after] taking into account **[the Basel Convention and]** relevant [national] **[bilateral] [regional] [and] international [rules, standards, [and] guidelines [and] guidance referred to in paragraph 6.]]]**

- 4 **[[In accordance with its national capacities and circumstances]** Each Party [is encouraged to] **[shall]** take **[necessary]** measures to [establish or] promote the development of extended producer responsibility approaches **[guided by a global framework established by the Conference of the Parties] [and advance product circularity.] [as possible]** [and, as appropriate, [other economic instruments within its jurisdiction, taking into account **[national circumstances and capabilities]** [the shared responsibilities of relevant stakeholders] to ensure the environmentally sound management of [plastics] **[plastic waste]**, [throughout their life cycle].]]]

**4 Alt. [Parties shall establish and implement national systems for effective management of plastic waste in order to ensure its reintroduction into secondary use.]**

**4 Bis. [Each Party shall report on measures taken in implementing paragraphs 1 to 4 and the outcomes achieved including relevant data on plastic waste management.]**

- 5 [The Conference of the Parties, to support the implementation of this article, may establish programmes of work and develop guidance **[including through a sectoral approach]** in cooperation, as appropriate, with the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention on the control of transboundary movement of hazardous waste and their disposal and other relevant agreements and organizations **[subject to the availability of resources provided by the financial mechanism for developing countries].]**

**5 Bis. [Recognises that national pathways will differ in waste management in addressing plastic waste pollution. Further recognises that there is no one size fits all solution.]**

**5 Ter. [The extent of implementation of this article by developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition will depend on the fulfilment of developed country Parties on the provision of financial resources and technology transfer to developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition.]**

**5 Quart. [Nothing in this article shall affect the obligations of the Parties under the Basel Convention.]**