

## Contact Group 2 - Article 10

### Status of work as of 7 August 2025 (01:01)

1. The text below reflects the status of work of Contact Group 2 on Article 10 as of 7 August 2025, at 22:10.
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**, the Co-Chairs have proposed informal informal consultations be held on Article 10, led with the support of Cameroon, and tasked with providing feedback to Contact Group 2 which will resume at **15:00 on Friday 8 August 2025**.

### ARTICLE 10 [JUST] TRANSITION[S] [FOR WORKERS]

1. In implementing this Convention, [each Party][Parties] [may][should][, as appropriate,][shall] [cooperate to] [promote] [ensure][and facilitate a] [equitable and inclusive] just transition[s], [explicitly] supporting the affected workers and [vulnerable] communities, [for workers [including plastic industry employees]], [towards environmentally sound management of plastic [product] waste] [taking into] [take full] account national circumstances [and [capabilities], including [wider] development priorities, needs, challenges [for [communities][people] disproportionately affected]], including [workers in informal] and cooperative settings and waste pickers] and different pathways, [and by ensuring fair market conditions, including for reusing and recycling systems] with a view to [promoting decent work, opportunities and livelihoods, enhancing social protection and the [enjoyment of human rights], and] ensuring that no one is left behind [especially in developing countries], [developing countries with economies in transition]][within its jurisdiction that may be needed in light of measures taken to implement the Convention]. [Pathways and just transitions towards addressing plastic pollution will differ among Parties and there is no one size fits all solution. Parties recognise developed country Parties bear a historical responsibility for legacy plastics and affirming the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities as the foundation of just transitions efforts. Measures, including just transitions, taken to address plastic pollution including unilateral ones shall not constitute a means of arbitrary or unjustifiable discrimination, unilateral trade measures or disguised restriction on international trade. Parties express deep concerns over the increasing negative effects of unilateral coercive measures on the environmental and natural resources, leading to serious violations of human rights of targeted populations, and strongly condemns the continued unilateral application of such measures, which results in various environmental transboundary and transgenerational implications for present and future generations.]

*1 Bis.* [Parties shall cooperate as appropriate in implementing this provision] (placeholder)

2. In taking measures to implement paragraph 1 of this article, [each Party][Parties][in accordance with its national circumstances, capacities, laws and regulations] [should][shall] take into account [, as appropriate,] [increasing negative effects of unilateral coercive measures on the environmental and natural resources, leading to serious violations of human rights of targeted populations, and strongly condemns the continued unilateral application of such measures, which results in various environmental transboundary and transgenerational implications for present and future generations][human rights and the rights of Indigenous Peoples] the situation of and engage workers in the formal and informal sectors[.], including workers in the plastic industry, waste pickers, [waste picker cooperatives and informal workers,] [artisanal and small-scale fishers] [those whose livelihoods depend on small scale and artisanal fisheries], [and] [small and medium enterprises][.], as well as communities and groups [populations] [disproportionately [affected by [such] [the] transition]][in vulnerable situations] [resulting from the implementation of this treaty] [across the full life cycle of plastics], including Indigenous Peoples[,][as well as] [Afro-descendant peoples,] [people of African descent][and] [local communities], [older persons,] women and children [and youth] [and persons with disabilities], as appropriate][Recognising the importance of national pathways in the context of just transition pathways and approaches towards the objective of the instrument poses challenges towards just transitions of environmental approaches, societies and socio-economic development

pathways of action and support should therefore adequately respond to risks and needs of developing countries and Parties with economies in transition.].] [Parties should support policies aimed at promoting decent work and quality jobs throughout the value chain of downstream plastic products, improving the income opportunities and livelihoods including plastic industry employees, waste pickers and other workers].

3. [Each Party [is encouraged to][shall] report[, monitor and evaluate] **[actions and]** measures taken to implement this Article **[in the reporting mechanism]** in its national report pursuant to Article 15 [, subject to **[provision of financial and technical support]**][considering a balance between environmental actions with developmental priorities within the context of sustainable development and ongoing efforts to eradicate poverty] the availability of resources provided by the financial mechanism as referred to in Article 11 and 12 of this Convention].]

**3 Bis.** [Parties shall take fully into account the negative social and economic consequences of implementing this instrument and proposed measures on developing countries and Parties with economies in transition, with an overall objective to minimize and avert those consequences.]

**3 Ter.** [The Social and Economic Impact Assessment Subsidiary Body (hereinafter “The Social and Economic Impact Subsidiary Body”) is hereby established under this Instrument. The Social and Economic Impact Subsidiary Body shall be mandated to evaluate the negative social, economic, and trade related impacts of proposed measures and obligations under this instrument on developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition.]

**3 Quater.** [All decisions or measures proposed under this Instrument shall be subject to prior review by the Social and Economic Impact Subsidiary Body. The Social and Economic Impact Subsidiary Body shall assess whether such measures are likely to result in disproportionate adverse impacts, including but not limited to:

- a. Economic disruption, including loss of employment, revenue, or industrial capacity;
- b. Trade distortions or barriers to market access;
- c. Impacts on wider national development priorities and materials security.]

**3 Quinques.** [The Social and Economic Impact Subsidiary Body shall assess negative social and economic impact, including through technical papers, case studies, round tables, dialogues, work plans that include findings and recommendations to the Conference of the Parties on the negative social and economic consequences.]

**3 Sexies.** [The Conference of the Parties may adopt guidance to assist Parties in the implementation of this article, taking into account relevant guidelines under other relevant international agreements and organisations, including the International Labour Organisation.]

**3 Septiens.** [The Conference of the Parties shall establish a global just transition mechanism whereby developed country Parties shall provide sufficient financial technology transfer and capacity building support to developing country Parties with a view to promote and facilitate a just transition for all.]

**3 Octiens.** [In the implementation of this instrument, developed country parties shall provide adequate and timely financial technology transfer and capacity building support to developing countries and Parties with economies in transitions to facilitate just transitions pathways as per developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition, national circumstances and needs with a view to mitigate the adverse effects of these transitions on their economies. Parties shall take full account of the national circumstances and wider national priorities in respect to any proposed measures and nationally determined just transitions pathways.]

**3 Noviens.** [The Conference of the Parties may develop guidance and mobilise dedicated resources to support Parties in implementing just transition measures particularly those targeting informal workers and vulnerable communities in developing countries.]