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- 1. Parties, within their respective capabilities, shall cooperate to enable, the provision of new, additional, timely, sustainable, comprehensive and appropriate capacity-building, technical assistance and technology transfer to developing countries in particular, to least developed countries and small island developing States as well as countries with special geographical conditions or characteristics that are considered vulnerable to plastic pollution including archipelagic states, to assist them in implementing their obligations under this *instrument*. Capacity-building should be country-driven, based on, and responsive to, national needs, and foster ownership of Parties, in particular, for developing country Parties.
- 2. Technical assistance, capacity building and technology transfer pursuant to paragraph 1 may be delivered through regional, subregional and national arrangements, including existing regional and subregional centres, through other multilateral and bilateral means, and through partnerships, including those involving the private sector and/or other stakeholders. Cooperation and coordination with relevant other multilateral environmental agreements, as appropriate, should be sought to increase the effectiveness of technical assistance and its delivery.
- 3. Developed country Parties shall promote and facilitate the development, transfer, diffusion of and access to technologies addressing plastic pollution in an environmentally sound manner, including those related to collecting, sorting, processing and recycling of plastic waste as well as those related to safe and sustainable alternatives, and non-plastic substitutes. In implementing this provision, Parties shall promote and facilitate research, innovation, and investment in pursuit of new environmentally sound technologies and innovative solutions and shall facilitate access to essential technologies.
- 4. The COP shall review, no later than at its [third] meeting, and thereafter on a regular basis, capacity building, technical assistance and technology transfer to support the implementation of this **Instrument**, taking into consideration developing country Parties' needs, including through consideration of national reports submitted pursuant to Article 15.