

Submission of Iran (Islamic Republic of) on Article 12:

Iran believes that developed country Parties and other Parties, within their respective capabilities, should promote and facilitate the development, transfer, and diffusion of up-to-date environmentally sound technologies to address plastic pollution. This support should be provided to developing country Parties to strengthen their capacity to effectively implement measures to combat plastic pollution. The promotion of technologies such as reduce, reuse, recycle, refill, repair, and non-plastic substitutes, along with safe and sustainable alternatives, is essential in this effort. Parties should also consider proprietary rights and ensure fair and most favorable terms for technology transfer to support the implementation of environmentally sound solutions. Additionally, Parties should promote innovation and investment in new technologies and solutions while facilitating access to essential technologies, including financial resources and proprietary rights.

Iran believes that developed country parties should actively cooperate in facilitating and enhancing technology transfer for developing country Parties to implement measures addressing plastic pollution. Parties should promote and facilitate the development, transfer, and access to environmentally sound technologies related to collecting, sorting, processing, and recycling plastic waste, as well as safe and sustainable alternatives and non-plastic substitutes. In implementing these provisions, Parties should promote innovation, inclusive investment, and facilitate access to essential technologies, including financial resources and proprietary rights. Each Party should ensure freedom of trade and technology transfer in areas related to combating plastic pollution, waste management, and plastic waste recycling. Support, including financial support, should be provided to developing country Parties for the implementation of these measures, including cooperative action on technology development and transfer. Developed country Parties should cooperate to enhance the capacity of developing country Parties to implement these measures and ensure sustainability and capacity development.

ARTICLE 12

**CAPACITY BUILDING, TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANCE AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER,
INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION**

[1. **Developed Country** Parties, within their respective capabilities, **other parties who are in a position to do so and the financial mechanism of the Convention** shall cooperate to provide timely, **adequate** and appropriate capacity-building and technical **and technological** assistance to developing **countries** Parties, in particular to least developed country Parties and small island developing State Parties, to assist them in implementing their obligations under this Convention.

2. Technical assistance and capacity building pursuant to paragraph 1 ~~may~~ **shall** be delivered through ~~regional, subregional and national arrangements, including existing regional and subregional centres, through~~ **the financial mechanism of the Convention** ~~and~~ other multilateral and bilateral means, ~~and through partnerships,~~ including those involving the private sector or other stakeholders. Cooperation and coordination with relevant other multilateral environmental agreements, ~~as appropriate,~~ should be sought to facilitate and increase the effectiveness **and the level** of technical assistance and its delivery.

3. **Developed Country** Parties shall promote and facilitate the development, transfer, diffusion of and access to **advanced** technologies addressing plastic pollution in an environmentally sound manner, including those related to collecting, sorting, processing, ~~and~~ recycling **and reuse** of plastic waste as well as those related to **scientifically endorsed** safe and sustainable alternatives and non-plastic substitutes. In implementing this provision, **Developed Country** Parties **and other parties who are in a position to do so,** shall promote, ~~and~~ facilitate **and support** research, innovation and investment in pursuit of new environmentally sound technologies and innovative solutions and shall facilitate access to **all relevant** ~~essential~~ technologies.

4. The Conference of the Parties shall **evaluate** ~~review,~~ no later than at its [third] meeting, and thereafter on a regular basis, **measures and actions taken by developed country parties and the financial mechanism of the Convention to promote and enhance** capacity-building, technical assistance and technology transfer to support the implementation of this Convention, taking into consideration developing **countries'** ~~Parties'~~ needs and **challenges,** including through consideration of national reports submitted pursuant to Article 15.