

Article 13- Compliance

- There shall not be any compliance regime under the future Instrument; instead a mechanism hereinafter called “Assessment Committee” would be established in order to monitor and assess the collective progress and promote cooperation in the implementation of the future Instrument;
- The Committee in no way shall examine the individual implementation/compliance of the future Instrument by member countries.
- The Committee would also consider measures to facilitate and promote implementation of the future instrument by assisting parties on request;
- In carrying out its tasks, the committee shall strive to avoid duplication of efforts, shall neither function as an enforcement or dispute settlement mechanism, nor impose penalties or sanctions and shall respect national sovereignty of member states;
- The Committee shall be facilitative, expert-based in nature and function in a manner that is non-intrusive, non-adversarial and non-punitive and shall pay particular attention to the respective national capacities and capabilities of parties at all stages of its working process;
- The Committee shall also consider and provide flexibilities to all country parties in particular developing country parties in the light of their capacities and capabilities in to prepare and submit their national reports and national plans to address plastic pollution in a nationally determined and voluntary manner:
- The Committee taking into account the above set of criteria shall operate under the modalities and procedures being adopted by the governing body of the Instrument at its first session and shall report to the governing body;
- The COP of the future instrument will also consider the reports of this Committee and advise, if necessary, its optional guidelines in a manner that would be facilitative, non-intrusive, non-adversarial and non-punitive and shall pay particular attention to the respective national sovereignty and capacities and capabilities of parties in particular developing country parties.
- The COP in addressing the collective implementation of the Instrument by member countries, received from this Committee shall in no way consider any sanctions, punitive and/or restrictive measures against any given member country or a group of member countries.