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**Rationale:**

**1. Overlap with Article 3:**

We observe significant duplication between the scope of this article and the content already addressed under Article 3. Specifically, Article 3 already includes:

- References to plastic products that are likely or highly likely to be littered, leaked, or to enter the environment;
- Measures intended to address littering and leakage;
- Provisions aimed at guiding Parties in implementing those measures effectively.

**2. Potential Duplication or Merging Opportunity with Article 8:**

There is further overlap with Article 8. The following provisions included under article 8 can be used to address any leakages or releases to the environment:

- Provisions regarding the establishment of appropriate systems for plastic waste management;
- Language on preventing littering and prohibiting open dumping, open burning, and ocean dumping of plastic waste;
- Reference to compliance with multilateral environmental agreements, as appropriate, particularly concerning the transboundary movement of plastic waste for the purposes of environmentally sound management.

**3. Additional Observations and Clarifications:**

- There is a need to clarify the distinction between "**plastic release**" and "**plastic waste**" within the text.
- **Plastic pellets** are raw materials used in the production of plastic products and, in our view, fall outside the scope of this instrument.
- **Plastic flakes**, which are derived from post-consumer recycled plastic, are part of the secondary polymer market. These materials can and should be addressed under plastic waste management frameworks, particularly through ensuring reintegration into the recycling value chain, thereby creating added value.