

Article 8- Waste Management

Regarding the third iteration of the non-paper, we would like to emphasize that the roles of means of implementation in particular technology transfer and capacity building by developed countries have not been adequately addressed. Additionally, the specific national circumstances and capacities, particularly those of developing countries, needs to be highlighted and emphasized sufficiently.

The circumstances of developing countries and developed countries should not be considered on the same level, as this disregards the significant inequalities they face. This approach is not fair to the developing nations that require tailored support and considerations in international discussions and agreements.

We would also like to raise a question regarding the guidelines adopted by the Basel Convention. As you know, these guidelines are not mandatory within the Convention itself. Therefore, we suggest adjusting the wording of the first paragraph to encourage parties to refer to the guidelines for the environmentally sound management of plastic waste.

Regarding paragraph 2, we suggest that instead of referring to 'each party,' it should specify 'each developing country party.'

We also have remarks regarding paragraphs 3, 4, and 5. The transboundary movement of wastes is one of the core elements of the Basel Convention. As stated in Resolution 5.14, we must avoid any duplication regarding the transboundary movement of waste to eliminate any confusion and overlap in procedures. Therefore, we suggest removing these paragraphs and replacing them with the following paragraph:

Each party shall take appropriate measures to ensure that the transboundary movement of plastic waste is conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Basel Convention.

And last but not the least, paragraph 2.d, where there is a reference to Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), it should be considered at the national level of each country.

On technology transfer, one should not ignore the role advanced technologies in particular chemical recycling which could significantly enhance recycle rate and contribute to circularity of our economies.