

Conference Room Paper (CRP) by Saudi Arabia

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Draft Decision Article 8 Plastic Waste Management

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1. Each Party ~~shall should consider strategies~~~~take measures~~ to ensure that plastic waste is managed in an environmentally sound manner, ~~in a nationally determined manner, and~~ taking into account relevant guidelines ~~on the environmentally sound management of plastic waste developed adopted~~ under the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal ~~in its COP16 and other relevant member states' driven multilateral environmental agreements and organizations and guidance referred to in paragraph 6.~~
2. In implementing paragraph 1, each Party ~~shall may consider, in a nationally determined manner, and~~ taking into account national circumstances and ~~capabilities priorities, take measures strategies, including but not limited to, and in no particular order, to, including to:~~
 - (a) Establish, ~~appropriate in a nationally determined manner, national waste management~~ systems and ~~disaster-resilient~~ infrastructure at the national and subnational levels for the safe handling, sorting, collection, transportation, storage, recycling and disposal, ~~including with energy recovery, of plastic waste; recognizing the support required from developed country Parties to developing country Parties to achieve such measures~~
 - (b) ~~Promote encourage~~ circularity ~~economy~~ approaches; ~~as appropriate~~
 - (c) Set objectives ~~and targets~~ at the national level to increase the collection and recycling ~~rates~~ of plastic waste;
~~(c)bis Post-Consumer recovery programs;~~
 - (d) Prevent littering, and prohibit open dumping, open burning and ocean dumping of plastic waste, taking into account ~~internationally agreed rules other multilateral environmental agreements;~~
 - (e) Prevent and reduce abandoned, lost, or otherwise discarded plastic fishing gear;
 - (f) Promote ~~a~~ just transitions ~~for for~~ plastic waste management workers, especially waste pickers and other informal workers,

including women, youth and small and artisanal fishers; in accordance with Article 10; or

- ~~3.-(g) Promote behavioural changes to prevent and minimize the of plastic waste, including by raising public awareness, in accordance with article 18.~~

~~4.3.~~ Each Party shall consider, take as appropriate, measures to ensure ~~that~~ transboundary movement of plastic waste ~~is allowed only for the purpose of environmentally sound management in line with Basel Convention~~. Parties that are also Parties to the Basel Convention shall take appropriate measures to ensure that transboundary movement of plastic waste is carried out in accordance with the obligations of the Basel Convention and developed country Parties shall take measures to prohibit the export of plastic to developing country Parties. In circumstances where the Basel Convention rules does not apply, a Party shall ~~take consider, as~~ appropriate, measures approaches to ensure that transboundary movement of plastic waste is allowed only after taking into account relevant national and international rules, standards, guidelines ~~and guidance referred to in paragraph 6~~.

- ~~4. [Each Party is encouraged to take measures to establish or promote the development of extended producer responsibility approaches and, as appropriate, other economic instruments within its jurisdiction, taking into account the shared responsibilities of relevant stakeholders to ensure the environmentally sound management of plastics, throughout their life cycle.]~~
- ~~5. The Conference of the Parties, to support the implementation of this article, may establish programmes of work and develop guidance in cooperation, as appropriate, with the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention on the control of transboundary movement of hazardous waste and their disposal and other relevant agreements and organizations: (no text)~~

5bis Recognizes that national pathways will differ in waste management and in addressing plastic pollution. Further recognizes that there is no one size fit all solution.

5ter The extent of implementation of this article by developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition will depend on the fulfilment of developed country Parties on the provision of financial resources and technology transfer to developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition.