

Article 9- Existing plastic pollution

We would like to fully support the interventions made by distinguished delegates from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Cuba and some others.

Regarding the title, we suggest changing it from 'Existing Plastic Pollution' to 'Existing and Legacy Plastic'. Because "existing plastic" focuses on plastic that is actively used today, while "legacy plastic" addresses the enduring presence and consequences of plastic produced in earlier years.

The most important issue is, this article represents the smallest part of the non-paper. This issue indicates that the primary goal of the instrument is not adequately captured.

Addressing legacy plastic pollution as the most important source of plastic pollution requires comprehensive strategies that include cleanup efforts, waste management improvements, recycling initiatives, and public awareness. It is essential for governments, industries, and communities to work together to mitigate the impacts of legacy plastic.

Iran believes that Developed country Parties as the largest historical beneficiaries of plastic products shall take the lead in tackling legacy and existing plastic pollution especially in the marine environment including beyond national jurisdiction.

So we support option 4 bis of compilation text. Page 38.

Also The circumstances of developing and developed countries should not be regarded as equivalent. therefore, parties are encouraged to collaborate in line with the principle of CBDR and undertake actions to evaluate, identify, and prioritize regions impacted by plastic pollution, including accumulation zones, hotspots, and critical sectors in marine environments.