

Australia
Text proposal

Article 9 Existing Plastic Pollution

Australia considers the text in paragraph 1 should be strengthened to ensure Parties undertake measures to address existing plastic pollution ‘individually’ and/or in ‘cooperation’ with other Parties, international or regional organisations, or other stakeholders, recognising the significance of existing plastic pollution and its transboundary nature.

We propose inserting the following language in paragraph 1a.

1. Parties shall ~~cooperate to~~, *individually and/or in collaboration with other Parties, competent international or regional organisations, or other stakeholders:*

We also propose to insert a new paragraph 2bis noting that collection of data and information on existing plastic pollution will be critical to support further research and effectiveness evaluation of the instrument, as follows:

2bis. Parties should endeavour to collect data and information on existing plastic pollution to support further research, monitoring and effectiveness evaluation, taking into account the best available science, traditional knowledge, Indigenous Peoples’ knowledges, sciences and practices, and local knowledge systems.

The Article should also clarify the reporting requirements associated with measures on existing plastic pollution. We propose a new paragraph 4bis as follows:

4bis. Each Party shall include in its reports submitted pursuant to [Article 15] information showing that the requirements of this Article have been met, and any data and information on existing plastic pollution.