

ARTICLE 5

PLASTIC PRODUCT DESIGN

1. Each Party is encouraged to take measures:

(a)

To promote enhanced design and performance of plastic products, as well as transparency, including with respect to their chemical composition, making use of relevant international standards and guidelines, as appropriate, in order to reduce the demand for primary plastic polymers and decrease or eliminate associated chemicals of concern in plastic products; and increase the safety and durability of plastics products, and the ability to avoid generation of waste, to promote reuse, repair, recycling, including through the adoption of minimum recycled content requirements, and to dispose of them in a safe and environmentally sound manner upon their becoming waste.

(b)

To foster research, innovation, development and use of sustainable alternatives and non-plastic substitutes, including products, technologies and services, taking into account the best available science, traditional knowledge, knowledge of Indigenous Peoples and local knowledge systems and their potential for waste reduction and reuse, as well as their environmental, socio - economic, and human health impacts across their life cycle.

(c)

To promote, based upon national circumstances and capabilities, the development and use of safe, environmentally sound and sustainable alternative plastics and non-plastic substitutes, based on life cycle assessments, taking into account their potential for environmental, economic, social and human health impacts."

2. The Conference of the Parties shall adopt, at its first meeting, guidance to assist Parties in their implementation of paragraph 1 of this Article, taking into account different national circumstances and capabilities. The Conference of the Parties shall keep under review, and update as appropriate, the guidance developed pursuant to this paragraph.