

INC-5.2 Proposal of Brazil – CG2 - Article 9

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9	<u>EXISTING LEGACY</u> PLASTIC POLLUTION	Brazil supports the general principle that countries should identify and remediate the areas most affected by existing plastic pollution. However, we emphasize that such measures should be voluntary, guided by the availability of financial resources and international cooperation.
9.1	<p>Each Party should, taking into account national circumstances and capabilities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> identify, evaluate, and monitor locations or accumulation zones most affected by <u>existing legacy</u> plastic pollution within its national jurisdiction, and cooperate, as appropriate, with other Parties, relevant international or regional organizations or other stakeholders with respect to <u>existing legacy</u> plastic pollution in areas <u>both under and</u> beyond national jurisdiction; and take appropriate removal measures in an environmentally <u>and socially</u> sound manner, including clean-up activities in such identified affected locations or accumulation zones within areas of national jurisdiction and cooperate, as appropriate, to do so in areas beyond national jurisdiction. 	<p>In paragraph 1(a), which deals with the identification of pollution accumulation zones, we propose that priority be given to actions in the most critical areas from an environmental and social impact perspective, with special attention to the territories of indigenous peoples and traditional communities. In paragraph 1(b), which deals with removal measures, we prefer that the text expressly mentions that such measures should be carried out “in an environmentally and socially sound manner,” with respect for local populations.</p>
9.2	<p>When implementing any activities under paragraph 1, each Party should:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> take into account any relevant guidance adopted by the Conference of the Parties, and, as appropriate, relevant provisions of other international agreements; take into account the best available science and relevant technologies, <u>the knowledge of Indigenous Peoples, and local and traditional knowledge and practices, as appropriate; and as well as the knowledge of waste pickers, Indigenous Peoples, as well as local communities, as appropriate</u> <u>promote</u>facilitate the engagement of Indigenous Peoples, local communities, <u>waste pickers</u>, civil society, scientists, and the private sector, as appropriate and foster the exchange of relevant technologies, experiences and lessons learned, 	<p>Paragraph 2 deals with the implementation of remediation actions. Brazil supports the reference to the use of the best available science in b, but suggests that the text also explicitly mentions the role of traditional knowledge, local knowledge, and the practical experience of waste pickers and other community actors. We therefore propose the following addition at the end of paragraph 2(b): “... as well as the knowledge of waste pickers, Indigenous Peoples, as well as local communities, as appropriate.”</p> <p>Brazil also supports the mention of the exchange of technologies, experiences, and good practices, as proposed in paragraph 2(c), emphasizing the need for adequate financing and access to affordable technologies adapted to the reality of</p>

	<u>emphasizing the need for adequate financing and access to affordable technologies adapted to the reality of developing countries.</u>	developing countries. We would also like to have a reference to waste pickers in the list of stakeholders.
9.3	The Conference of the Parties may adopt guidance and establish any relevant programme of work to facilitate the implementation of this Article.	Future guidance of the COP, provided for in paragraph 3, be voluntary and developed in a participatory manner, with the leading role of developing countries.