

INC-5.2 Proposal of Brazil – CG3 - Article 12

<i>Members of the Committee</i>	Brazil
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- Suggested inclusion on the chair's text:

[Para 5 Alt] A Mechanism for International Cooperation is hereby established, under the authority of the Conference of the Parties, to facilitate the implementation of the instrument by supporting developing country Parties, as referred to in paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4, including through, inter alia:

- a) Capacity-building, technical assistance, knowledge-sharing and technology transfer, including through initiatives of governments, the private sector, academia, and international organizations;
- b) Keeping a reference basket of evidence-based programmes and policy instruments, based on transparent inclusion criteria, to support developing country Parties, in particular through their national action plans;
- c) Identifying and recommending initiatives to promote the facilitated access to and transfer of environmentally sound technologies;
- d) Promoting synergies with existing initiatives and supporting the mobilization of resources complementary to those provided under Article 11;
- e) Monitoring progress in international cooperation efforts to inform the periodic review of the implementation of the instrument.

[Para 5 Bis] The Mechanism for International Cooperation shall be cost-effective and administered by a lean team of the Secretariat. A Board of Advisors, composed of senior experts elected by the Conference of the Parties upon nomination by Parties as well as observer organizations and institutions engaged in providing capacity-building and technology support to developing country Parties, shall provide recommendations to the Conference of the Parties, inter alia, on the transparent inclusion criteria referred to in paragraph 5, “b”.

Keeping a reference basket of evidence-based programmes and policy instruments, based on transparent inclusion criteria,

- Rationale:

The establishment of a mechanism for international cooperation aimed at facilitating capacity-building, technical assistance and technology transfer is an innovative and relevant

step towards supporting developing countries in the implementation of the instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment. The mechanism will provide a platform for match-making those countries and other stakeholders who are willing to provide cooperation and countries who are interested in receiving it.

While a robust and costly structure is not envisaged to the mechanism, it would be recommended that it have a board of advisors, composed of experts indicated by member States and by observer organizations and institutions engaged in providing capacity-building and technology support to developing country Parties, to provide guidance on the activities of the Mechanism.

- Suggested editions to the chair's text:

1. Developed country Parties shall cooperate to provide timely and appropriate capacity-building, technical assistance and ~~safe~~ technology transfer including on concessional and preferential terms as mutually agreed, to developing countries to developing country Parties, in particular, LDCs and SIDS, to assist them in implementing their obligations under this instrument. Capacity-building should be country-driven, based on, and responsive to, nationally determined needs and priorities.

6. The Conference of the Parties, at its first meeting, shall make recommendations on how capacity building, technical assistance and ~~safe~~ technology transfer could be further enhanced under this Article, ~~and develop including~~ the terms of reference and modalities of the ~~Mechanism~~ **Mechanism for International Cooperation**.

- Rationale:

The use of the adjective “safe” to qualify “technology transfer” is not provided for in other multilateral instruments, and there is no clarity as to what it could mean. It also does not add any value to paragraphs 1 and 6 and must therefore be deleted.

The Conference of the Parties will have the task to develop, and not recommend, the terms of reference and modalities of the Mechanism for International Cooperation established on paragraph 5.