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Cambodia Statement on Article 8: Plastic Waste Management

We support the latest version of the “Chair’s Text” for Article 8 on Plastic Waste Management. In addition to this, Cambodia we would like to highlight the concept of “national circumstances and capacities” in paragraph 1 and paragraph 4, as indicated in the track change below.

1. Each Party shall [in according with national circumstances and capacities] take measures to ensure that plastic waste is managed in an environmentally sound manner, taking into account relevant guidelines developed under the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal and other relevant agreements and organizations and guidance referred to in paragraph ~~6~~5.
2. In implementing paragraph 1, each Party shall, taking into account national circumstances and capabilities, take measures, including to:
 - (a) Establish appropriate systems and disaster-resilient infrastructure at the national and subnational levels for the safe handling, sorting, collection, transportation, storage, recycling and disposal, including with energy recovery, of plastic waste;
 - (b) Promote circular economy approaches [through the establishment and preservation of toxic-free reuse, refill, repair, and other reduction-enabling systems and practices that are not harmful to health and the environment, based on local practices and indigenous knowledge systems];
 - (c) Set objectives and targets at the national level to [implement toxic-free reuse, refill, repair, and other reduction-enabling systems and practices that are not harmful to health and the environment and] increase the collection and recycling rates of plastic waste;
 - (d) Prevent littering, and prohibit open dumping, open burning and ocean dumping of plastic waste, taking into account internationally agreed rules;
 - (e) Prevent and reduce abandoned, lost, or otherwise discarded plastic fishing gear;
 - (f) Promote a just transition [and the inclusion into the return, take-back and other reduction-enabling systems and practices] for plastic waste management workers, especially waste pickers and other ~~[del: informal workers,]~~ [workers in informal and cooperative settings] including women, youth and small scale fishers and artisanal fishers; or
 - (g) Promote behavioural changes to prevent and minimize plastic waste, including by raising public awareness.
3. Each Party shall take appropriate measures to ensure that transboundary movement of plastic waste is allowed only for the purpose of environmentally sound management. Parties that are also Parties to the Basel Convention shall take appropriate measures to ensure that transboundary movement of plastic waste is carried out in accordance with the obligations of the Basel Convention and developed country Parties shall take measures to prohibit the export of plastic to developing country Parties. In circumstances where the Basel Convention does not apply, a Party shall take appropriate measures to ensure that transboundary movement of plastic waste

is allowed only after taking into account relevant national and international rules, standards, guidelines and guidance referred to in paragraph ~~6~~5.

4. Each Party is encouraged to take measures to establish or promote the development of extended producer responsibility approaches and, as appropriate, other economic instruments within its jurisdiction, taking into account [in accordance with national circumstances and capacities] ~~the shared responsibilities of relevant stakeholders~~ to ensure the environmentally sound management of plastics, throughout their life cycle.

5. The Conference of the Parties, to support the implementation of this article, may establish programmes of work and develop guidance in cooperation, as appropriate, with the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention on the control of transboundary movement of hazardous waste and their disposal and other relevant agreements and organizations.

Thank you