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Cambodia Statement on ARTICLE 9: ~~EXISTING~~ [Legacy] PLASTIC POLLUTION

We support the latest version of the “Chair’s Text” for Article 9 on Existing Plastic Pollution. In addition to this, Cambodia we would like to highlight to use the term of ‘**Legacy Plastic Pollution**’ instead of ‘**Existing Plastic Pollution**’. Other inputs were also inserted or deleted as indicated in the track change below.

1. Each Party ~~should~~ [shall], taking into account national circumstances and capabilities:
 - (a) identify, evaluate, and monitor locations or accumulation zones most affected by ~~existing~~[legacy] plastic pollution within its national jurisdiction, and cooperate, as appropriate, with other Parties, relevant international or regional organizations or other stakeholders with respect to ~~existing~~[legacy] plastic pollution in areas beyond national jurisdiction [and in accordance with relevant provisions of international agreements]; and
 - (b) take appropriate removal measures in an environmentally 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.
2. When implementing any activities under paragraph 1, ~~each Party~~[Parties shall] ~~should~~:
 - (a) take into account-~~[the special circumstances of small islands and least developed states and the disproportionate impacts of plastic pollution on them, which is primarily transboundary] any relevant guidance adopted by the Conference of the Parties, and, as appropriate, relevant provisions of other international agreements;~~
 - (b) take into account the best available science and relevant technologies, the [traditional] knowledge of Indigenous Peoples, and local and traditional knowledge [system] ~~and practices~~, as appropriate; and
 - (c) promote the engagement of Indigenous Peoples, local communities, civil society, scientists, and the private sector, as appropriate and foster the exchange of relevant technologies, experiences and lessons learned.
3. The Conference of the Parties ~~may~~ [shall, at no later than its [XXX] session,] adopt guidance and establish any relevant programme of work to facilitate the implementation of this Article.

Thank you