

Submission of the Russian Federation
Contact Group 1
Article 5
Plastic Product Design

1. Each Party shall, taking into account its national circumstances and capabilities, take appropriate measures **[in a non-discriminative manner]** to:

(a) improve plastic product design, in pursuit of circular economy approaches, in order to:

- i. contribute to ~~sustainable production and consumption of plastics [products]~~ **by increasing** reuse and recycling of plastics **[products, if applicable]**, including, as appropriate, through ~~reuse and recycled content targets~~ **[promotion of reuse and recycle systems]**;
- ii. improve the durability, reusability, refillability, refurbishability, repairability and recyclability of plastic products, ~~and promote the use of safe and sustainable additives~~;
- iii. ensure disposal of plastic ~~products~~ **[waste]** in an environmentally sound manner ~~in accordance with the waste hierarchy~~; and
- iv. minimize releases of plastic **[waste]**, ~~including microplastics, during the product life~~.

(b) foster research, innovation, development and use of ~~sustainable and safer alternatives and nonplastic substitutes~~ **[plastic products and products made from alternative materials]**, including ~~products~~, technologies and services, **[in order to improve their design]**, **[and ensure relevant technology transfer,]** taking into account environmental, economic, social and human health aspects and their potential for waste reduction and reuse, as well as availability, accessibility and affordability, based on life cycle assessments and best available science, and, where relevant, traditional knowledge, knowledge of Indigenous Peoples and local communities.

2. The Conference of the Parties shall establish a process and schedule of work for the development of specific guidance for priority plastic products, through a sectoral **[or application based]** approach, to assist Parties in their implementation of this Article.

The Conference of the Parties shall adopt and review, and update, as appropriate, such guidance, within a reasonable timeframe.

3. In implementing ~~paragraph 1 of~~ this Article, Parties should take into account relevant international rules, standards, and guidelines. Parties are encouraged to cooperate with relevant international organizations towards the development of relevant international rules, standards, and guidelines at the multilateral level to support the implementation of this Article.

4. Each Party shall ensure that measures taken to implement this Article do not create unnecessary obstacles to international trade~~[.]~~ ~~and are not applied~~ **[Any measures established under this Article shall not be applied]** in a manner which would constitute a means of arbitrary or unjustifiable discrimination between countries where the same conditions prevail, or a disguised restriction on international trade.