CG1: Japan’s text proposal on Dedicated programmes of work

- The sectoral approach is effective and practical, given the diversity of product design, recyclability, and contamination countermeasures. We support the approach of establishing programs of work for sectors that need to be addressed and discussing necessary measures.
- On the other hand, sectors requiring a work plan should be decided after conducting a review, etc. on relevant international and regional measures in intersessional work, since it is necessary to respect the work being conducted by each specialized international organization while avoiding overlap with the existing framework.
- In addition, there is room for consideration of the sections to be included in this Article in light of the overall structure of the document. The target sectors and specific content of regulations should be discussed and clarified at the first session of governing body in the future.
- We propose the following draft text to reflect our thinking.

Text Proposal

1. Dedicated programmes of work are hereby established to support the implementation of the instrument* for the following sectors to be decided by the Governing Body* at its first session, based on the needs to evaluate current and projected releases of plastics and plastic waste and to evaluate the efficacy of the measures of the Parties relating to the management of such releases, while taking into account socio-economic impacts and/or product groups:
   a. Packaging;
   b. Fisheries and aquaculture;
   c. Agriculture;
   d. Textiles—
   
   [*Note: Japan deems that at least “Agriculture” and “Fisheries and aquaculture” sectors should be included in the sectors of the dedicated programmes of work.]

2. The governing body* shall, at its first session, adopt the arrangements and terms of reference for the operation of the dedicated programmes of work, and review them periodically thereafter. The dedicated programmes of work shall:
   a. Prepare recommendations to the governing body* for its consideration, on inter alia targets, criteria, measures and guidelines, to support implementation and to further develop the relevant provisions in the instrument*;
   b. Cooperate and coordinate with intergovernmental organizations and entities, as appropriate, and engage with relevant stakeholders through a multistakeholder action agenda;
   c. Report regularly to the governing body* on all aspects of its work.
3. The *governing body* shall review on a regular basis the implementation and effectiveness of dedicated programmes of work and, based on such review, take relevant action.

The *governing body* may adopt or initiate additional dedicated programmes of work, as appropriate, to support implementation of the *instrument*. 