Part IV - 5. International Cooperation

GCC Submission

GCC’s submission on preferred options for International Cooperation:

- GCC supports OP1, with the following adjustments to the language:

  “Parties are encouraged to cooperate with each other, as appropriate, and with relevant intergovernmental organizations, including relevant scientific organizations and bodies, to support the effective implementation of this instrument* and the achievement of its objective, while avoiding any duplication of efforts.”

- GCC supports OP2, with the following adjustments to the language:

  “Parties are encouraged to promote, as appropriate the objective of this instrument* when participating in decision-making, in accordance to unique national priorities.”

- GCC supports OP3, with the following adjustments to the language:

  “Parties are encouraged to promote international cooperation in support of the objective of this instrument* as appropriate through:

a. The development, transfer, diffusion of and access to technology on mutually agreed terms and technical innovation on mutually agreed terms, consistent with [Part III.2 on capacity-building, technical assistance and technology transfer],

b. The development of research and exchange of information to improve the understanding of plastic pollution and advance technological innovation, consistent with [part IV.6 on information exchange and part IV.7 on awareness-raising, education and research];

c. The promotion of technical and scientific cooperation, including regional platforms or databases, technical- scientific cooperation projects, and networks of technical centres;

d. The use of existing public information exchange mechanisms to promote knowledge, best environmental practices and alternative technologies that are environmentally, technically, socially and economically viable.”

- GCC supports the removal of OP4, on the basis it has been covered in OP1 with adjustments.

- GCC supports OP5 Alt.