Part IV – 7. Awareness Sharing, Education, and Research
GCC Submission

GCC preferred option for Awareness Raising, Education and Research:

- GCC prefers OP1 Alt. and OP2 Alt.
- GCC supports the deletion of OP3.

GCC welcomes the USA proposal to merge articles 6 & 7 from the revised Zero-Draft, noting adjustments to the options:

**Option 2 (Alt: Scientific research, development, and innovation)**
- GCC notes merging Para 1 and 2 to avoid duplication. The following language is preferred:

  “1. Parties should, based on national circumstances, capabilities, and laws and regulations, endeavor to advance scientific and technological research, development and innovation, that support and accelerate solutions as appropriate, including by:

  a. Developing and implementing circularity approaches to address plastic waste pollution.
b. Enhancing understanding of environmental, socioeconomic, and human health impacts of plastic pollution and alternative solutions across the full life cycle;
c. Promoting and improving methods for the monitoring and modelling plastic pollution including its distribution and abundance in the environment;
d. Promoting the collaborative development and use of guiding methods and approaches for environmental data collection and analyses, to improve reliability and comparability; and
e. Incorporating Indigenous knowledge and other cultural and socio-economic factors, as appropriate.

Noting, GCC supports the deletion of Part IV.7. Option 2. 1.c from the revised zero draft.

**Option 3 (Alt: Awareness-raising, education, and information exchange)**
- GCC notes the following edits to the proposed language:

  OP1: “Parties shall promote and facilitate, national circumstances, capabilities, and laws and regulations, public awareness-raising, education, and information exchange related to plastic pollution and its effects relevant to the implementation of this instrument* and shall promote, as appropriate, such efforts at the regional, national and international levels and cooperate, as appropriate, with relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.

  OP2: “Each Party shall promote and facilitate, national circumstances, capabilities, and laws and regulations, measures to raise awareness, improve understanding, and share information, such as:”

  a. Developing a communication and education strategy on the objective of the instrument*, involving partners and stakeholders, including educational and awareness-raising programmes and citizen campaigns.

  B-D are accepted

  OP3: “Each party shall, as appropriate, considering national circumstances, capabilities, and laws and regulations, facilitate exchange relevant to the implementation of the instrument*.

  OP3. A-C to be deleted as there is no need to detail the option as of now.

  OP4, OP6, and OP7: GCC accepts these paragraphs.

  OP5: GCC prefers the deletion of this option as it may lead to additional burdens on member states