

China's Textual Proposal on ARTICLE 12

**CAPACITY BUILDING, ~~TECHNOLOGY~~ TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER, ~~INCLUDING~~
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION**

- [1. Developed country Parties, ~~within their respective capabilities,~~ shall ~~cooperate to~~ provide timely, and appropriate capacity-building and technical assistance to developing country Parties, in particular to least developed country Parties and small island developing State Parties, to assist them in implementing their obligations under this Convention.

2. ~~A~~ Technical assistance and capacity building mechanism, including arrangements pursuant to paragraph 1 is hereby established ~~may be delivered through regional, subregional and national arrangements,~~ including through existing regional and subregional centres, through other multilateral and bilateral means, and through partnerships, including those involving the private sector or other stakeholders. Cooperation and coordination with relevant other multilateral environmental agreements, as appropriate, should be sought to facilitate and increase the effectiveness of technical assistance and its delivery.

3. ~~Parties~~ The mechanism shall promote and facilitate the development,

transfer, diffusion of and access to technologies addressing plastic pollution in an environmentally sound manner, which are reliable, affordable, up-to-date and environmentally sound, including those related to collecting, sorting, processing and recycling of plastic waste as well as those related to safe and sustainable alternatives and ~~non-plastic~~ substitutes. ~~In implementing this provision, Parties shall~~ The mechanism shall also promote and facilitate research, innovation and investment in pursuit of ~~new~~ innovative environmentally sound technologies and ~~innovative~~ solutions and shall facilitate access to essential technologies.

4. The Conference of the Parties shall review, no later than at its [third] meeting, and thereafter on a regular basis, capacity-building, technical assistance and technology transfer to support the implementation of this Convention, taking into consideration developing country Parties' needs, including through consideration of national reports submitted pursuant to Article 15.

5. Parties shall, in a spirit of international solidarity and partnership, improve cooperation and coordination at sub-regional, regional and international levels.]