

Chinese text proposal on Article Plastic Waste Management

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1. Each Party shall take measures, including, where relevant, through a sectoral approach, to ensure that plastic waste from industrial, agricultural and municipal solid waste is managed in an environmentally sound manner, taking into account the waste hierarchy and relevant guidelines developed under the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal, and in accordance with any guidelines that may be adopted by the Conference of the Parties to this Convention. In developing such guidelines, the Conference of the Parties shall take into account arrangements in relevant international agreements.

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1bis. Each Party should, including where relevant through a sectoral approach, to define national environmentally sound collection, recycling and energy recovery rates, taking into account national circumstances.

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1ter. Each Party should prohibit open dumping, ocean dumping and open burning of plastic waste, endeavor to reduce landfill and incineration without energy recovery.

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2. Each Party should take additional measures which could include, inter alia:

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(a) Promoting investment in waste management systems and infrastructure that enables environmentally sound management of plastic waste and enhances waste management capacity;

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(b) Establishing systems at national and local levels for handling, sorting, collection, transportation, storage, recycling and treatment of plastic wastes;

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(c) Encouraging behavioral changes throughout the value chain and raising public awareness about plastic waste prevention and minimization, taking into account the critical roles of all stakeholders in reducing plastic litter and supporting recycling;

(d) Incentivizing increased recyclability, promoting higher recycling rates, and enhancing the involvement of relevant stakeholders including producers, importers and users for environmentally sound management of plastics and plastic products throughout their life cycle, including by the adoption and implementation of approaches such as extended producer responsibility (EPR) schemes, tax or fees paid by users, etc.;

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(e) Promoting, developing and strengthening markets for secondary plastics.

3. Developed Parties shall take measures to prohibit the export of plastic waste to developing Parties.

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3bis. Developing Parties are only allowed to export plastic waste:

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(a) For the purpose of safe and environmentally sound recovery, reuse, recycling, or disposal in a manner consistent with criteria determined by import Party and the technical guidelines under Basel Convention;

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(b) With the written consent of the importing Party or non-Party.

4. Where export of plastic waste is allowed under paragraph 3bis, the exporting Parties shall:

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(a) Provide to the importing Party or non-Party complete information about the composition of the waste proposed to be exported, including its contents in plastic type and any associated hazards to human health or the environment, including safety data sheets, as relevant;

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(b) Require exporters to comply with generally accepted and recognized international rules, standards and practices for packaging, labelling and transport.

5. The Conference of the Parties shall, at its first meeting, adopt guidance to assist Parties in their implementation of paragraphs 3 and 4 of this Article, including a format for certification to demonstrate that the importing Party or non-Party has measures in place to ensure consistency with the requirements under subparagraph (b) of paragraph 3. In developing such guidance, the Conference of the Parties shall take into account arrangements in relevant international agreements.

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