



**Conference room paper on chemicals of concern
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1. The conference room paper that was submitted by Norway, the Cook Islands, and Rwanda is a valuable and important document and can be used as a basis for the work of the planned open ended expert group between INC4 and INC5.

2. The open-ended group of experts shall set the following :
 - i. specific Criteria topics to all chemicals used in plastic production, this criteria may consider the purpose of use , types of products, acute and chronic exposure, and migration possibilities
Those chemicals could be divided into two categories:
 - a. Substances that should be eliminated.

b. Substances that need to be avoided or reduced.

ii. The open-ended group of experts shall prepare a proposed structure and program of work for a scientific committee could formed by the First Conference of the Parties, whose mission is to review lists of chemicals used in plastics and their safe alternatives, based on requests submitted by States Parties , and by applying the criteria prepared in the above paragraph, and reliable scientific research, according to a scientific mechanism for evaluating the results of these researches concluded,

iii. If possible, the open-ended expert group will prepare a preliminary list of chemicals of concern, with possible safe alternatives.

v. The open-ended expert group presents its INC5 plenary.

2. The following paragraph is added to the text of the agreement “The Conference of the Parties shall form a scientific committee that will prepare and review lists of chemical substances based on the scientific standards listed in Appendix No. (). The committee will meet every two years.”.

3. The scientific committee elected each two years by COP, considering the geographical balance, balance between developed and developing countries, gender balance, and participation of least developing countries and small islands.

4. The Scientific committee consists of 50 members, and chaired by two co-chairs.