

The EU and its Member States support the Chairs text and propose targeted amendments (**indicated in bold**).

EU+MS amendments to Chair non-paper

ARTICLE 9

EXISTING PLASTIC POLLUTION

[1. Parties shall cooperate to:

- (a) Identify, **map**, evaluate and prioritize locations or accumulation zones most affected by existing plastic pollution, including in the terrestrial, freshwater and marine environments and areas beyond national jurisdiction, or where quantities and types of plastic pollution pose a threat to human health, species or habitats; and
- (b) Take mitigation and remediation measures, including clean-up activities in such identified affected locations or accumulation zones, in accordance **with the guidance by the Conference of the Parties on minimizing ecological harm while** taking into account the special circumstances of Small Island Developing States, and the disproportionate impacts on them of such plastic pollution.

1bis) Parties should endeavour to collect data and information on existing plastic pollution to support further research, monitoring and effectiveness evaluation, taking into account the best available science, existing regional and international mechanisms, traditional knowledge, Indigenous Peoples' knowledge, sciences and practices, and local knowledge systems, without prejudice to existing tools and guidance in this context and include such information in its reports pursuant to Article 15.

2. When implementing remediation measures outside of national jurisdictions, Parties should take into account relevant provisions of international agreements.

3. Each Party is encouraged to promote engagement of local communities, civil society, as well as the private sector, in activities pursuant to paragraphs 1 and 2.

4. The Conference of the Parties shall adopt guidance, ~~as appropriate,~~ **to assess which actions are environmentally sound, cost-efficient, and strategically targeted facilitate implementation of this Article.**] Work in the interim period between the DipCON and COP1 (for adoption by the COP at its first meeting) could include the development of guidance to assist Parties in implementing this Article, and support to Signatories, in particular to LDCs and SIDS, for early implementation