

Submission by the European Union and its Member States

Article 12

Text proposal

[1a. Parties shall promote cooperation with each other and with relevant intergovernmental entities and other entities, including relevant scientific organisations and bodies, as appropriate, to support the effective implementation of the instrument, while avoiding any duplication of effort.

Ante 1. Parties, within their respective capabilities, shall cooperate to provide timely, and appropriate capacity-building and technical assistance to **Parties most in need** ~~{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. Technical assistance and capacity building pursuant to paragraph 1 may be delivered through regional, subregional and national arrangements, including 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.~~

2bis. Cooperation and coordination with secretariats from relevant other multilateral environmental agreements and international organisations, as appropriate, should be sought to enhance consistency and synergies among relevant international instruments and organizations.

3. Parties shall **cooperate to** promote and facilitate the development, transfer **on voluntary and mutually agreed terms**, diffusion of and access to technologies addressing plastic pollution in an environmentally sound manner, ~~including those related to collecting, sorting, processing and recycling of plastic waste as well as those related to safe and sustainable alternatives and nonplastic substitutes.~~ In implementing this provision, Parties shall promote and facilitate research, innovation, **technical and scientific cooperation**, and investment in pursuit of new 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 **on voluntary and mutually agreed terms** to support the implementation of this Convention, taking into consideration ~~developing country Parties' needs-circumstances,~~ including through consideration of national reports submitted pursuant to Article 15.]