General submission by the European Union and its 27 Member States for Part IV

The EU and its Member States would like to share a few textual suggestions for Part IV. The paragraphs refer to the numbering used in the streamlined technical version by the co-facilitators (version 27/04).

Section 2. Implementation and compliance

5. Members shall be elected to the committee to serve for a period of [X] years and for a maximum of two consecutive terms. The governing body*, at its first session, shall elect nine members to the committee for an initial term of [X] years and eight members for a term of [half of X] years. Thereafter, the governing body* shall elect at its relevant regular sessions alternatingly nine and eight members for a term of [X] years. The members and alternate members shall remain in office until their successors are elected. If a member of the committee resigns or is otherwise unable to complete his or her term of office or to perform his or her functions, the Party who nominated that member shall nominate an alternate to serve for the remainder of the mandate.

Section 3. Reporting on progress (on the basis of Option 1)

1. Each Party shall report to the governing body* on the measures taken to implement the provisions of this instrument* and on the effectiveness of such measures in achieving the objective of the instrument* according to the timeline to be agreed by the governing body* at its first session.

2. Each Party shall submit its report to the secretariat. The secretariat shall make national reports submitted by the Parties under this article publicly available. The secretariat shall keep under review and regularly communicate to the governing body* the status of submissions by Parties of information in accordance with paragraphs x, y and z of this article.

4. The governing body* shall, at its first session, adopt the modalities and format, including ways and means to ensure that reporting is specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and timebound (SMART), for national reporting, referred to in paragraph 1 of this article, taking into account the desirability of coordinating reporting with relevant international instruments and organizations, as appropriate. Intervals for data-based reports pursuant to [Part IV.4.a; or other articles related to environmental monitoring and monitoring throughout the plastic life cycle], shall be every 3 years, and for reporting on the measures set out in National Plans pursuant to [Part IV.1 on National Plans] shall be every 4 years.

OP4bis. On an ad hoc basis, the governing body* of the instrument* should encourage reports on relevant subjects from Secretariats of chemicals-related conventions, conventions related to climate change, biodiversity, and the law of the sea, including Regional Seas Conventions, relevant science-policy panels, as well as contributions from multilateral organizations, particularly the World Trade Organization (WTO), World Customs Organization (WCO), World Health Organization (WHO), and the International Labour Organization (ILO).

5. The governing body* shall, at its first session, adopt the modalities, time intervals and procedures for review, evaluation, harmonization and centralization of information communicated in accordance with this article.
Section 4.a on assessment and monitoring
See EU CRP on a proposal for a provision on monitoring (text proposal and explanation) published on the portal on 24/04/2024.

Section 8. Stakeholder Engagement

2. The purpose of the multi-stakeholder action agenda is to, among other things:
   a. Promote active and meaningful participation of all relevant stakeholders that adhere to the objectives of the instrument, including academia, Indigenous People, local communities, local governments, youth, women, the informal sector and other vulnerable groups in support of the achievement of the instrument* and to accelerate ambitious actions related to ending plastic pollution;
   b. Provide a space and structured process for relevant stakeholders to share information, best practices, experiences and lessons learnt on action taken in support of the achievement of the objective of this instrument*;
   c. Promote ambitious action and cooperation at the local, national, regional and global levels;
   d. In coordination with Parties in their implementation of the instrument*, support the mobilization of financial and technical resources from stakeholders, including from the private sector in support of the implementation of the instrument*;
   e. Share knowledge and best practices, to replicate and scale sustainable solutions, including in high-impact sectors and key thematic areas.

3. The governing body* shall determine further modalities for the multi-stakeholder action agenda, including guidance regarding sectoral approaches and the stakeholders to be involved.