

*Fifth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment (INC-5)*

**GROUP OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES (GRULAC)  
SUBMISSION ON ARTICLE 12**

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1. Parties, within their respective capabilities, shall cooperate to provide timely, and appropriate capacity-building and technical assistance to developing country Parties, in particular to Least Developed Country Parties and Small Island Developing State Parties and taking into account the challenges of landlocked developing countries and developing middle income countries to assist them in implementing their obligations under this Instrument.
2. Technical assistance and capacity building pursuant to paragraph 1 may be delivered including through regional, subregional and national arrangements, including regional and subregional centres, through other multilateral and bilateral means, and through partnerships, including those involving the private sector or other stakeholders.
3. Parties shall ensure cooperation and coordination at all levels, and with other relevant Multilateral Environmental Agreements and Intergovernmental Organizations as appropriate, to facilitate and increase the effectiveness of the delivery of capacity building, technical assistance and technology transfer.
4. Developed Parties, and other Parties in a position to do so, shall promote and facilitate the development, transfer, diffusion of and access to technologies on favorable terms, including on concessional and preferential terms to developing countries for 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 non-plastic substitutes. In implementing this provision, Parties shall promote and facilitate research, innovation and investment in pursuit of new environmentally sound technologies and innovative solutions and shall facilitate access to essential technologies
5. In order to implement paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4 above, a Cooperation Mechanism is hereby established. The Cooperation Mechanism\* shall provide for:
  - A. The delivery of capacity-building, technical assistance and technology transfer to support the implementation of this Instrument;
  - B. A clearing-house platform to enable Parties to access, provide and disseminate information with respect to activities taking place pursuant to the provisions of this instrument;
  - C. Identification of the needs and promotion of opportunities for cooperation in the areas of science, technology and innovation in the implementation of the instrument by developing country Parties;

- D. Facilitation of the matching of capacity building needs with the support available and with providers for the transfer of technology, including governmental, non-governmental and private entities interested in participating as donors in the transfer of technology, and facilitate access to related know-how and expertise;
- E. Promotion of training and capacity building activities for the benefits of Parties that are developing countries;
- F. Facilitation and monitoring of other multilateral, regional and bilateral cooperation available to developing country Parties;
- G. Performance of such other functions as may be determined by the Conference of the Parties or assigned to it under this instrument.

6. In order to coordinate the functioning and supervise the efficiency and effectiveness of the Cooperation Mechanism and implement paragraph 5 above a Cooperation Mechanism Committee is hereby established. It shall submit reports and recommendations for consideration and action by the Conference of the Parties, which shall review them no later than at its [third] meeting, and thereafter on a regular basis, taking into consideration developing country Parties' needs and requests including through consideration of national reports submitted pursuant to Article 15.

7. The Committee shall consist of Members to serve objectively in the best interest of this instrument, nominated by Parties, taking into account gender balance and equitable geographical distribution. The terms of reference and modalities for the operation of the committee shall be decided by the Conference of the Parties at its first meeting.