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The objective of ending plastic pollution will be achieved with a just transition strategy that ensures that no one is left behind, especially persons in vulnerable situations and sectors most affected by the implementation of measures set out in this Instrument, particularly in developing countries.

1. In the implementation of this Instrument, developed country Parties shall provide adequate and timely financial, technology transfer and capacity building support to developing countries to facilitate a just transition, as per Parties' national circumstances, with a view to mitigate the adverse effects of this transition on their economies, especially for their Small and Medium Enterprises.

2. Parties shall cooperate to promote and facilitate a just transition taking into account the situation of waste pickers and other workers in informal and cooperative settings, artisanal and small-scale fishers, Indigenous Peoples, local communities, women, children and other persons in vulnerable situations that are disproportionately affected by the adverse effects on human health and the environment of plastic pollution and the implementation of measures set out in this Instrument.

3. Parties should support policies aimed at creating decent work and quality jobs throughout the entire value chain of plastics, improving the income, opportunities and livelihoods, especially for waste pickers and other workers in informal and cooperative settings.

4. Parties should promote economic and industrial diversification and transformation in the context of sustainable development and the enhancement and re-skilling in their workforce, in accordance with national priorities, circumstances and capabilities, in order to achieve the objectives of this Instrument. This should be done with the assistance and cooperation from developed countries.

5. Parties are encouraged to promote the engagement of relevant stakeholders in designing, implementing, monitoring, evaluating and reporting on progress of this Article.

6. Parties shall report measures taken to implement this Article in its national report pursuant to Article 15 as applicable. The reporting process should ensure transparency, accountability and the need to prevent and address conflict of interest, as well as the sharing of best practices, with particular attention to the needs of developing countries.

7. The Conference of the Parties shall elaborate guidelines for the implementation of this Article, with the support of relevant, International Organizations and Conventions Secretariats.