Guatemala favors option 3, concerning the unification of parts IV.6 and IV.7, as it balances public awareness, education, and information exchange with a focus on research and technological development. It recognizes the importance of access to and exchange of information among states regarding best practices and policies on sustainable consumption and production, as well as knowledge, innovation, research, and technologies. Supporting that such information exchange can be facilitated through a platform via an online registry.

It is important to mention the concern regarding the low importance and development being given to this point in the instrument, where comprehensive educational models for the entire population should be considered.
Part IV

7. Awareness-raising, education and research (and development)

Option 3 (proposed to replace Parts IV.6 and IV.7)

Alt title: Awareness-raising, education, and information exchange

[1. Parties shall promote and facilitate public awareness-raising, education, and information exchange related to plastic pollution and its effects relevant to the implementation of this instrument* and shall promote, as appropriate, such efforts at the regional, national and international levels and cooperate, as appropriate, with relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.

2. Each Party shall promote and facilitate measures to raise awareness, improve understanding, and share information, such as:
   a. Developing a communication and education strategy on the objective of the instrument*, involving [partners and] stakeholders, including educational and awareness-raising programmes and citizen campaigns.
   b. Promoting public participation and public access to information;
   c. Providing training at the national, regional and international levels, including exchange visits and specific dedicated training;
   d. Promoting the inclusion of plastic pollution issues across curricula and practices in educational institutions;

3. Each party shall facilitate exchange of information relevant to the implementation of the instrument*, such as:
   a. Best practices and policies on sustainable consumption and production;
   b. Research, technologies, innovation, and green chemistry;
   c. Knowledge, including Indigenous knowledge, inter alia, on environmentally sound waste management, sources of plastic pollution, human and fauna and flora exposure to plastic pollution, health and environmental impacts and the associated risk management and pollution reduction options.

4. Parties may exchange the information referred to in paragraph 3 directly, through to be maintained by the secretariat or in cooperation with other relevant international instruments and organizations, as appropriate.

5. Each Party shall designate a national focal point for the exchange of information under this instrument*.

6. Parties are encouraged to learn from and build on existing ongoing processes, initiatives and networks to share knowledge, and highlight successes, including examples of replicating and scaling sustainable solutions.

7. Parties exchanging information pursuant to this instrument* shall protect any confidential information as mutually agreed.]