

ARTICLE 5
PLASTIC PRODUCT DESIGN

[1. Each Party is encouraged, **subject to national circumstances and capabilities**, to take measures:

(a) To promote enhanced design and performance of plastic products, as well as transparency, including with respect to their chemical composition, **based on taking into account** relevant international standards and guidelines, including ~~sector- or~~ product-specific standards and guidelines, in order to ~~reduce the use of primary plastic polymers and associated chemicals of concern in plastic products;~~ and increase the safety and durability of plastics products, and the ability to reuse, repair, recycle them and to dispose of them in a safe and environmentally sound manner upon their becoming waste. **There shall be provision of financial and technical assistance including technology transfer to developing countries in line with the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities assessed through a subsidiary body under this instrument. These measures shall not create trade barriers.**

(b) To foster research, innovation, **and** development ~~and use~~ of sustainable alternatives and non-plastic substitutes, including products, technologies and services, **subject to national circumstances and capabilities and** taking into account the best available science, traditional knowledge, knowledge of Indigenous Peoples and local knowledge systems and their potential for waste reduction and reuse, as well as their environmental, socio - economic, and human health impacts across their life cycle.

2. The Conference of the Parties shall adopt, at its first meeting, guidance to assist Parties in their implementation of paragraph 1 of this Article. The Conference of the Parties shall keep under review, and update as appropriate, the guidance developed pursuant to this paragraph.

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