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Plastic waste management

1. Each Party shall take measures to ensure that plastic waste is managed in an environmentally sound manner, taking into account national circumstances and capabilities, and relevant guidelines developed under the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal.

2. In implementing these measures, Parties are encouraged to:

1. Establish appropriate systems and infrastructure for collection, transportation, sorting and recycling of plastic waste;
2. Apply a circular economy approach;
3. Set objectives or targets to increase collection and recycling rates of plastic waste;
4. Prevent and prohibit littering, open dumping, open burning and ocean dumping of plastic waste;
5. Take appropriate measures to strengthen markets for secondary plastics;
6. Establish measures to reduce abandoned, lost, or otherwise discarded fishing gear;
7. Promote a just transition including for waste pickers and other workers; and
8. Promote behavioral changes throughout the value chain to prevent and minimize plastic waste, including by raising public awareness.

3. Each Party shall take appropriate measures to ensure that transboundary movements of plastic waste is only allowed for the purpose of environmentally sound disposal. Parties that are also parties to the Basel Convention shall take appropriate measures to ensure that transboundary movement of plastic waste is done in accordance with the obligations of that Convention. In circumstances where the Basel Convention does not apply, a Party shall ensure that transboundary movement of plastic waste is allowed only after taking into account relevant domestic and international rules, standards, and guidelines.

4. Each Party shall take measures to facilitate the development of extended producer responsibility systems within its jurisdiction.

5. Recognizing the importance of means of implementation relating to transfer of technology, finance and capacity building, Parties are encouraged to cooperate with each other and with relevant intergovernmental organizations and other entities, as appropriate, to build regional and national capacity for the management of plastic waste in an environmentally sound manner.

6. The Conference of the Parties shall explore ways to establish cooperation with the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention in the context of any review or update of the guidelines referred to in paragraph 1 and shall adopt guidance to assist Parties in the implementation of paragraphs 2, 3, and 5, taking into account, as appropriate, guidance adopted under other relevant international agreements or instruments.