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Article 7. Emissions and Releases

1. Each Party shall, taking into account their national circumstances and capabilities, take measures to assess, prevent, reduce, and, where possible, eliminate emissions and releases of plastics, microplastics, nanoplastics and plastics-related chemicals of concern, across the lifecycle of plastics, to the atmosphere, land and water including the marine environment.

2. Each Party shall take measures to prevent, reduce, and, where possible, eliminate emissions and releases of plastic pellets, flakes and powders, to land and water, including the marine environment.

3. Each Party shall take measures and cooperate to prevent and reduce abandoned, lost, or otherwise discarded fishing gear in the marine environment, in accordance with the guidance referred to in paragraph 6.

4. The Parties shall, taking into account their national circumstances and capabilities, undertake research, monitoring and cooperation pertaining to:

a) Sources of emissions and releases into the environment;

b) Levels of emissions and releases in the environment; and

c) Technologies for preventing emissions and releases into the environment.

5. In implementing paragraph 1 to 4, each Party shall promote the use of best available techniques and best environmental practices on preventing emissions and releases of plastics into the environment, taking into account the guidance referred to in paragraph 6, and, as appropriate, relevant international rules, standards and guidelines.

6. The Conference of the Parties shall adopt guidance to support implementation of this article, taking into account knowledge from artisanal, small-scale, and traditional fishers, including Indigenous Peoples, and the special circumstances of least developed countries and small island developing states.