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Article 2	Proposed Text	Rationale
<u><b>Definitions</b></u> <b>Plastic</b>	<b>Option 1:</b> <p>"<b>plastic</b>" means material containing essential ingredient of high polymer such as polyethylene terephthalate, high density polyethylene, poly vinyl chloride, low density polyethylene, polypropylene, polystyrene resins and multi-materials including acrylonitrile butadiene styrene, polyphenylene oxide, polycarbonate and polybutylene terephthalate.</p> <b>Option 2</b> <p>Polymer is a generic term. with the consultations of countries, it may be specified and define the type of polymers that are used for manufacturing/molding for plastic.</p>	<p>Treaty or a convention is a legal document and definitions are included for fulfilment of very purpose of the treaty/convention. The generalized definitions do not address the issue. Refereeing to technical conventions i.e Basel, Rotterdam conventions there have been clear categorization of waste and further clarifications and explanations to the technical text. The treaty contains very generalized text that will create legal implications while its implementation</p>
<b>Plastic waste</b>	<p>"<b>plastic waste</b>" means plastic substances or products once discarded, and cannot be further used in its original form, available for recycling, modification or placed for dumping.</p>	<p>The existing definition including the text the words "<b>intended to disposed of, or required to be disposed of</b>" means every plastic currently in use will be definitely disposed of in future or is required to be disposed of in future. it does not clearly categorize and conceptualizes the waste for the very purpose of the treaty</p>

<b>Problematic plastic</b>	<p>plastics that pose significant challenges to the recycling process, making it difficult to repurpose them into new items. These challenges include the material's composition, design, and contamination. Common examples include Styrofoam, black plastics, and certain types of films and packaging. Some plastics, like polystyrene (Styrofoam), are not easily broken down or melted for reuse. Others, like multi-laminated packaging, are made from different types of plastic that are difficult to separate.</p>	<p>For true implementation of the treaty and its gradual success, its necessary to adopt targeted approach</p>
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