11. **Existing plastic pollution, including in the marine environment**

1. This measure is intended to complement Measure 8 and addresses the prevailing stock of plastic pollution with a view to remediating and cleaning up areas already blighted by emissions and releases of plastic, prioritising these in relation to their impact on the environment and the economy. Mitigation measures to be considered relevant below should be additional to those already identified in Measure 8.

2. Parties shall draw upon knowledge and expertise of stakeholders, including, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, academic and scientific and research institutes and other relevant organizations or associations, including through [the cooperation mechanism* referred to in Part III, article number yet to be defined], to:

   i. Identify the locations where plastic has already caused, or is continuing to cause, a significant pollution problem.

   ii. Identify, through analysis of the composition of the plastic products contributing to the problem, those items deemed to be most problematic and avoidable as per Measure 1;

   iii. Prioritize those locations identified under sub-para a), with a view to their effective remediation / clean-up, and mitigation of further plastic pollution, which:

      a. Are ones which have the most negative effect on livelihoods; and / or

      b. Are ones which have, or are assessed as likely to have, the most damaging consequences for human health, and / or on species or habitats taking into account the expected life cycle of plastics. This assessment should take into account the provisions of international agreements in force, including those relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of terrestrial, freshwater and marine biological diversity, including in areas beyond national jurisdiction;

   iv. Following the prioritisation as per sub-paragraph c, as appropriate to the problem, develop plans for effective mitigation and remediation measures, including clean-up activities, and then implement them.

3. The plans set out under sub-paragraph 2c will, for the country groups identified as eligible recipients for such support in [Annex H of Part III 1 Financing], be resourced via the Fund established as per [Part III 1 Financing]. Eligible recipients shall agree with [the Fund] a phased plan for receipt of, and deployment of, the resources disbursed in support of the Plans’ implementation.

4. The priority areas identified, the basis for that prioritization, and the and the actions taken in relation to this article [Part II. 11] [shall be listed in the national plan communicated pursuant to
[Part IV.1 on national plans].
5. The governing body* [NB – could be assigned to ‘the Fund’ – see below] should adopt guidance, as appropriate, to facilitate implementation of this article, in particular, regarding those mitigation, remediation and clean-up measures considered preferable from the perspective of minimising potential negative impacts on the environment, biodiversity and human health, and hence, considered suitable for financial support as per sub-para 2.