



## PACIFIC SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES

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The **Pacific Small Island Developing States** and **Mexico** propose the following edits for article 18 of the INC Chair's third non-paper, as reflected in Track Changes:

### **ARTICLE 18**

[1. Parties shall promote and facilitate public awareness-raising, and education, ~~and information exchange~~ related to plastic pollution and its effects relevant to the implementation of this Convention and shall promote, as appropriate, such efforts at the national and international including regional, levels and cooperate, as appropriate, with relevant intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations.

2. Each Party, in accordance with guidance recommended by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical, Socioeconomic, and Cultural Advice and adopted by the Conference of the Parties, shall promote and facilitate measures to raise awareness, improve understanding, and share information, such as:

- (a) Developing a communication and education strategy on the objective of the Convention, involving stakeholders, including educational and awareness-raising programmes and citizen campaigns;
- (b) Promoting public participation and public access to information;
- (c) Providing training at the national, regional and international levels, including exchange visits and specific dedicated training; and
- (d) Promoting the inclusion of plastic pollution issues across curricula and practices in educational institutions.

3. Parties shall endeavour to advance scientific and technological research, development and innovation to address plastic pollution, including by:

- (a) Developing and implementing sustainable and circular plastics approaches and systems-wide solutions;
- (b) Enhancing understanding of environmental and human health, as well as socio-economic and cultural impacts of plastic pollution, as well as alternative solutions across the full life cycle, including in the marine environment;
- (c) Promoting and improving methods for the monitoring and modelling plastic pollution including its distribution and abundance in the environment, including in the marine environment, and impacts on human health;
- (d) Promoting the collaborative development and use of standardized methods and approaches for environmental data collection and analyses, in accordance with guidance recommended by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical, Socioeconomic, and Cultural Advice and adopted by the Conference of the Parties, to improve reliability and comparability; and

**Commented [CYM1]:** This can form the basis of a separate article on research and development, and innovation. If this paragraph is to remain here, then these are our proposed edits.

(e) Incorporating, in line with the principle of free, prior and informed consent, traditional knowledge, knowledge of Indigenous Peoples and local knowledge systems and other cultural and socio-economic factors, as appropriate.]