Suggestions of the Russian Federation regarding technical streamlining of Section II.5 “Product design, composition and performance”

The technical streamlining text on Section II.5 prepared by the Secretariat is incorrect.

1. On Point 5(b) “[Reduce,** [reuse], [recycling,] refill and repair of plastics and]** [Circularity approaches for] plastic products”, there are missing brackets in paragraph 1 over “the reduction [in the use,] reuse, [recycling,] refill, repair, repurposing and refurbishment” in line 5 - since it is considered as alternative approach to the next bracket [circularity approaches], which was taken from Option 3 of the revised draft text.

The suggestions are the following (red color means “to add”):

b. [[Reduce,** [reuse], [recycling,] refill and repair of plastics and]** [Circularity approaches for] plastic products

1. [Subject to its national plan and based upon national circumstances and capabilities.] Each Party shall, based on guidance to be adopted by the governing body* [at its first session] [at the latest by its [first][second][third] session,], take [effective] [and environmentally beneficial] measures [as deemed appropriate], covering the distribution, sales, and consumption stages] to [promote][[ensure] [enable] [the reduction [in the use,] reuse, [recycling,] refill, repair, repurposing and refurbishment] [circularity approaches], as relevant, of [plastics and] plastic products [produced within its territory and those available on its market, in particular through the implementation of reuse, [recycling,] refill and repair systems]] [, [according to] [taking into account] national circumstances and [capacities][capabilities]; as well as access to technologies and availability of financial resources from developing countries]. [The governing body* shall issue harmonized standards for product reuse, recycling, repair and refurbishment.]

2. On Point 5(c) “Use of recycled plastic contents”, there is a need to add brackets over the paragraph 3, which is based on Option 3 of the revised draft text. This Option was not supported by all Members, that is why it shall be put in brackets.

The suggestions are the following (red color means “to add”):

c. Use of recycled plastic contents

1. [Subject to its national plan and based upon national circumstances and capabilities,][E][e]ach Party [as per its national action plan][should][shall] [take [nationally determined][the necessary] measures [for appropriate] plastics and][promote that] [require plastics and] plastic products produced within its territory and those available on its market][to increase the share of secondary plastic that is used in plastic products][[to] [achieve] [contain] minimum percentages][and to adopt time-bound targets][to promote recycling** and to adopt time-bound targets on the use] of safe and [environmentally sound] post-consumer recycled plastic contents], [as appropriate taking into account national circumstances and capabilities.] [when it is technologically feasible and] based on the elements contained in [as set out in] [part III of annex C] [, within the timeframe specified in that annex], [The measures taken to implement this provision [shall][may] be reflected in the national plan communicated pursuant to [Part IV.1 on national plans]][consistent with national laws on post-consumer recycled plastic contents].

[Note: The targets for minimum recycled plastic content in specific applications and product categories, to create the right enabling conditions for the sectors to meet this target, especially for food-related applications. Bearing in mind that all [elements contained in part III of annex C]] should assist each Party to be able to setup its own requirements or targets of recyclable plastic contents in its certain prioritized products.]
[2. There shall be an assessment of the need as well as mobilization of financial resources and technology transfer for each country in order to nationally driven commitments under this provision.]

[3. The governing body* shall provide a timeframe in the annex towards transitioning all plastics in the market to be recyclable and this may entail gradual, incremental minimum percentage of safe and environmentally sound post-consumer recycled. [Standards for recycled plastics should be harmonized globally.]]