

ARTICLE 8

PLASTIC WASTE MANAGEMENT

My suggested text is:

[1. Each Party shall **[taking into account national circumstances and capabilities and relevant national laws,]** take measures, ~~including, where relevant, through a sectoral approach, to ensure that plastic waste is managed in an environmentally sound manner~~ **[to manage waste in a safe and environmentally sound manner, recognizing that resource efficiency and waste management are pertinent to the achievement of sustainable consumption and production, including but not limited to a circular economy and other sustainable economic models,]** ~~taking into account the waste hierarchy~~ and relevant guidelines developed under the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal, and in accordance with any guidelines that may be adopted by the Conference of the Parties to this Convention. In developing such guidelines, the Conference of the Parties shall take into account arrangements in relevant international agreements: **[eliminating contradictions and duplication of efforts.]**

2. Each Party is encouraged to take additional measures which could include, inter alia:

- a) Promoting investment in, and mobilising resources from all sources for, waste management systems and infrastructure that enables environmentally sound management of plastic waste and enhances waste management capacity;
- b) Establishing systems at national and local levels for handling, sorting, collection, transportation, storage, recycling and treatment of plastic wastes;
- c) Encouraging behavioural changes ~~throughout the value chain and~~ **[in]** raising public awareness about plastic waste prevention and minimization, taking into account the critical roles of all stakeholders in reducing plastic litter and supporting recycling **[and promotion evidence-based research on the environmental benefits of environmentally sound waste management;]**;
- d) Incentivizing increased recyclability, promoting higher recycling rates, and enhancing the ~~accountability~~ **[responsibility]** of producers ~~,~~ **[and]** importers for environmentally sound management of ~~plastics and~~ plastic products throughout their life cycle, including by the adoption and implementation of approaches such as extended producer responsibility (EPR) schemes **[taking into account national circumstances];**
- ~~e) Promoting, developing and strengthening markets for secondary plastics;~~
- e) [Promoting the development of waste management and recycling technologies, including chemical recycling;]**
- f) [Promoting research and improvement of recycling technologies with regards to plastic waste that will be generated in the next decades;]**

~~3. Each Party shall take measures to ensure that the export of plastic waste is only allowed:~~

- ~~a) For the purpose of safe and environmentally sound recovery, reuse, recycling, or disposal in a manner consistent with this Article; and~~
- ~~b) With the written consent of the importing Party or non-Party.~~

~~4. Where export of plastic waste is allowed under paragraph 3, the exporting Party shall:~~

- ~~a) Provide to the importing Party or non-Party complete information about the composition of the waste proposed to be exported, including its contents in polymers, chemicals and plastics, and any associated hazards to human health or the environment, including safety data sheets, as relevant;~~
- ~~b) Require exporters to comply with generally accepted and recognized international rules, standards and practices for packaging, labelling and transport.~~

~~5. The Conference of the Parties shall, at its first meeting, adopt guidance to assist Parties in their implementation of paragraphs 3 and 4 of this Article, including a format for certification to demonstrate that the importing Party or non-Party has measures in place to ensure consistency with the requirements under subparagraph (b) of paragraph 3. In developing such guidance, the Conference of the Parties shall take into account arrangements in relevant international agreements.]~~

[3. Each developed state party shall prohibit the export of plastic waste to developing parties, especially least developed countries.]

[4. Transboundary movements of plastic wastes is regulated by the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal.]

[5. States take measures to promote the use of best available techniques and best environmental practices in plastic waste management.]

[6. Each party and Secretariat foster the sharing of experience, lessons learned and success stories among Parties and key stakeholders through existing regional and global platforms.]

Work in the interim period between the DipCON and COP1 could include guidance on developing national EPR schemes^[.] and on exports of plastic waste pursuant to paragraphs 3 and 4 (for adoption by the COP at its first meeting), and any interim arrangements.