

## Submission of the Russian Federation

### Contact Group 3

#### ARTICLE 12

#### **CAPACITY BUILDING, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER, INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION**

1. Developed country Parties shall cooperate to provide timely and appropriate capacity-building, technical assistance and safe technology transfer including on concessional and preferential terms as mutually agreed, to developing countries to developing country Parties, in particular, LDCs and SIDS, to assist them in implementing their obligations under this instrument. Capacity-building should be country-driven, based on, and responsive to, nationally determined needs and priorities.

2. Capacity building, technical assistance and technology transfer pursuant to paragraph 1 may be delivered through regional, subregional and national arrangements, including existing regional and subregional and national centres, through other multilateral and bilateral means, and through partnerships, including north-south, south-south and triangular cooperation and those involving the private sector or other stakeholders, as well as Indigenous Peoples and local communities, and through collaboration with local and subnational governments, as appropriate.

3. Parties shall cooperate to promote and facilitate the development, transfer, diffusion of and access to technologies **[addressing plastic pollution in an environmentally sound manner, including those related to collecting, sorting, processing and recycling of plastic waste,]** including on concessional and preferential terms as mutually agreed, to developing countries. In implementing this provision, developed country Parties shall promote and facilitate research, innovation, technical and scientific cooperation and investment in pursuit of new and innovative environmentally sound technologies and solutions.

**[3bis Each Party shall ensure freedom of trade and technology transfer in the areas related to the implementation of the Convention. In particular, no prohibition or restriction shall be instituted or maintained on trade in equipment and transfer of technologies related to combating plastic pollution, enhancing waste management and plastic waste recycling, as well as any other activities covered by the Convention]**

4. Parties shall promote cooperation with relevant intergovernmental organizations and other entities, including relevant scientific organisations and bodies and private sector entities, as appropriate, to support the effective implementation of the Convention and the achievement of its objective, while avoiding any duplication of

efforts.

~~**{5. In order to implement paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4 above, a Cooperation Mechanism is hereby established.}**~~

6. The Conference of the Parties, at its first meeting, shall make recommendations on how capacity building, technical assistance and safe technology transfer could be further enhanced under this Article, [including the terms of reference and modalities of the Cooperation Mechanism].

7. In implementing this Article, developed country Parties shall give full recognition to the [special] requirements of developing country, in particular the least developed countries, small island developing States, [landlocked developing countries], [geographically disadvantaged States], [coastal African States], [archipelagic States], [developing middle-income countries] [and countries with economies in transition].