



Conference Room Paper by Palau on behalf of the 39 Small Island Developing States (SIDS)

Articles 14 (National Action Plans), 15 (Reporting), and 16 (Effectiveness Evaluation)

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Art 14 - National Action Plans

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ARTICLE 14

NATIONAL **ACTION** PLANS

1. Each Party **shall** develop **and implement** a national **action** plan, **based upon its national circumstances**, that contains actions and measures that the Party intends to take to **implement its obligations and commitments** of this Convention **and that reflect its highest possible ambition**. Each Party ~~[shall] [may] develop, taking into account respective national circumstances, a national plan that contains actions and measures the Party intends to take to implement this Convention.~~ The **first** plan shall be transmitted to the Conference of the Parties through the Secretariat **within two** years after the entry into force of the Convention ~~for that Party.~~
2. Each Party shall update its national **action** plan, **every five years** to enhance its actions based on the guidelines referred to in paragraph 7, **taking into account the outcome of effectiveness evaluation referred to in article 16.** **Each updated national action plan shall represent a progression beyond its most recent national action plan.**
3. ~~Each Party shall update its national plan to enhance its actions based on the guidelines referred to in paragraph 6.~~
4. The extent to which developing country Parties, **in particular small island developing states and least developed countries**, will effectively implement **this Article, including** their national **action** plans, will depend on the effective implementation of the provisions related to means of implementation as referred to in Articles **11 and 12** of this Convention.
5. Each Party shall, as appropriate, in undertaking work pursuant to paragraphs 1 and 2 above, consult national stakeholders, **Indigenous Peoples, as well as local communities**, to facilitate the development, implementation, and updating of their national **action** plans.
6. The Secretariat shall make national **action** plans submitted by Parties pursuant to this Article publicly available.
7. The Conference of the Parties shall, at its first meeting, adopt the modalities and guidelines for national **action** plans and other guidance regarding implementation of this Article.

Art 15 - Reporting

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ARTICLE 15 REPORTING

1. Each Party shall regularly report to the Conference of the Parties on its actions and measures to implement this Convention, **including** as outlined in the national **action** plan referred to in Article 14.

2. Each Party shall submit the first report referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, **4** years after the date of entry into force of this Convention **and regularly thereafter**.

2bis. Each Party, taking into account respective national circumstances, shall include the following information in the report:

- (a) Data and information, across the full lifecycle of plastics, relevant to the obligations and commitments of the Convention;**
- (b) Information necessary to track progress made in implementing and achieving its national action plan under Article 14; and**
- (c) Information on the support needed, provided and received under Articles 11 and 12.**

3. The Conference of the Parties shall, at its **first** meeting, adopt the format, **periodicity** and review procedures for national reporting referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.

4. The Secretariat shall make national reports submitted by the Parties under this Article publicly available and regularly communicate to the Conference of the Parties on the status of submission of national reports.

5. The extent to which developing country Parties, **in particular least developed countries and small island developing states**, will effectively implement this Article will depend on the effective implementation of the provisions related to means of implementation as referred to in Articles **11 and 12** of this Convention.

Art 16 - Effectiveness Evaluation

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ARTICLE 16 EFFECTIVENESS EVALUATION

1. The Conference of the Parties shall regularly evaluate the effectiveness and implementation of the Convention. The first evaluation shall be undertaken no later than **six** years after the date of entry into force of the Convention and **every five years** thereafter ~~at intervals to be decided by the Conference of the Parties.~~

2. The evaluation shall be conducted on the basis of available scientific, environmental, technical, financial, socio-economic **and cultural** information, which may include:

- (a) National reports referred to in Article 15;
- (b) Information and recommendations provided by the Committee referred to in Article 13;
(b) bis Information on the implementation of Articles 11-12;
(b) ter Information from the Remediation Mechanism, particularly in relation to the areas beyond national jurisdiction, under Article 9; and
- (c) Other information the Conference of the Parties deems relevant, including the information referred to in Article 17 .

2bis Recalling the nationally determined nature of the national action plans, the outcome of the evaluation shall inform Parties in reviewing and updating their national action plans

2ter The Conference of Parties shall consider the outputs of the effectiveness evaluation and take actions to enhance the effectiveness of the Convention, as appropriate.

3. The Conference of the Parties shall, at its **first** meeting, adopt the modalities for the evaluation referred to in paragraph 1 of the Article.