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Part II

10b. Transboundary movement of [non-hazardous] plastic waste

AOSIS supports the phasing out of plastic waste trade except where it is intended for safe and environmentally sound management. To ensure plastic circularity, it is important to ensure that we can move used plastic to where it needs to go in order to be recycled in an environmentally sound manner. Small countries may not have sufficient recycling capabilities within their jurisdictions.

To this end, this section must include provisions facilitating transparency, compliance with sound waste management obligations under Section 9, and should build upon the requirements under the Basel Convention.

We are fine working on the basis of sub-option 1, but want to ensure that the procedures outlined in paras 2 and 3 are in accordance with the obligations in Basel, and do not act to discourage or inhibit the transboundary movement of plastic waste for the purpose of its safe and environmentally sound management, including recycling.