

**In-session document by Sri Lanka on the provisions on Articles 18:
AWARENESS, EDUCATION AND RESEARCH**

- In terms of Article 18, we would like to add the words “[on plastics flows and the effects of plastics pollution]” to para 2 after “and share information”
- We would add the following to para 2b “[through the periodic publication of data on the amount of plastics produced, consumed, collected, recycled, disposed of and the amount leaked to the environment].”
- We would like to add the words “[on plastics flows and the effects of plastics pollution]” to para 3 after “and innovation”
- We would like to delete the word “environmental” in Para 3(d) as this may exclude many important data points and add the words “[compilation, organisation]” after “data collection” as effective organisation into inventories or accounts will be critical to ensure data can inform evidence-based measures and policies.

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2. Each Party shall promote and facilitate measures to raise awareness, improve understanding, and share information **[on plastics flows and the effects of plastics pollution]**, such as:

- (a) Developing a communication and education strategy on the objective of the Convention, involving stakeholders, including educational and awareness-raising programmes and citizen campaigns;
- (b) Promoting public participation and public access to information **[through the periodic publication of data on the amount of plastics produced, consumed, collected, recycled, disposed of and the amount leaked to the environment]**;
- (c) Providing training at the national, regional and international levels, including exchange visits and specific dedicated training; and
- (d) Promoting the inclusion of plastic pollution issues across curricula and practices in educational institutions.

3. Parties shall endeavour to advance scientific and technological research, development and innovation **[on plastics flows and the effects of plastics pollution]**, including by:

- (d) Promoting the collaborative development and use of standardized methods and approaches for **DELETE “environmental”** data collection, **[compilation, organisation]** and analyses, to improve reliability and comparability;