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Part II. 11. Existing plastic pollution, including in the marine environment

Viet Nam would like to suggest the addition of the phase in bold to para 1:

1. Parties [shall] [are encouraged] [will take actions and shall] [cooperate] [in accordance with the Common but Differentiated Responsibility to respective capabilities] [to] [mobilize resources from multi-stakeholders, including, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, academic and scientific and research institutes, international financial institutions and multilateral development banks, non-profit organizations and other relevant organizations or associations] [, including through the cooperation mechanism* referred to in Part III, article number yet to be defined], to:

   a. [cooperate to] [assess] [evaluation, identification and prioritization of] [identify and prioritize] accumulation zones, [and] [hotspots] [critical points] [and sectors]:

   i. most affected by existing plastic pollution, [including] in the [terrestrial, freshwater and the] marine environment, [and areas beyond national jurisdiction]; and

   ii. [where] [that evaluations identify accumulation areas with] quantities and types of [litter] [plastic pollution] [garbage that represent] [pose] a threat to [human health,] species or habitats [taking into account the [full][complete] life cycle of plastics].

   b. Take [adopt] [effective] mitigation and [remediation measures][removal actions], including clean-up activities [for the] [in identified] accumulation zones, [and] hotspots [and critical] sectors] identified, [taking into account the provisions in existing international agreements] [of international agreements in force,] including those [relevant][relating] to the conservation and sustainable use of [terrestrial, freshwater and] marine [environment and] biological diversity, [including in areas beyond][located outside] national jurisdiction;]] [and manage and dispose of removed plastic pollution in an environmentally sound manner] [taking into account special circumstances of small island developing States and States with special geographical conditions and characteristics that are vulnerable to plastic pollution] [and the disproportionate impacts on small island developing States; and

Rationale: Countries with special geographical conditions and characteristics, including countries with outlying islands in the sea, countries bordering semi-enclosed sea are particularly exposed and vulnerable to plastic pollution. Plastic from rivers or transported by wind and by ocean currents into the sea are degrading the relevant marine environment and cause difficulties for the relevant country in managing plastic waste. Therefore, the special circumstances of these countries must be taken into account in this section of the instrument.