

## SUBMISSION ON ARTICLE 5: PLASTIC PRODUCT DESIGN

1. Each Party shall take measures to promote eco-design of plastic products based on national circumstances and capabilities with a life cycle approach to enhance circularity through increasing the safety, durability, reusability, repairability and recyclability of plastic products and ability to be disposed of in a safe and environmentally sound manner upon becoming waste.
2. Each Party is encouraged to take measures to foster research, innovation, development and use of sustainable alternatives and non-plastic substitutes, including products, technologies and services, taking into account the best available science, traditional and local knowledge systems and their potential for waste reduction and reuse, as well as their environmental, socio - economic, and human health impacts across their life cycle.
3. Each Party shall refrain from any measure that creates unnecessary obstacles to international trade and constitutes a means of arbitrary or unjustifiable discrimination or a disguised restriction on international trade. The measures taken by parties should be based on international standards to prevent creation of unnecessary administrative and financial burdens. Parties are encouraged to cooperate with international organizations towards the development of standards and guidelines at the multilateral level to support the implementation of this article.
4. The measures should be reported in a timely manner to the Secretariat and should provide a sufficient transition period allowing adequate time for adjustments.
5. The Conference of the Parties shall adopt a guideline within a reasonable timeframe to assist Parties in their implementation of this Article, including targets and minimum design and performance criteria for specified sectors. This guideline shall be co-developed with the involvement of all stakeholders, and where necessary, by conducting impact assessment.