

Proposed Text Regarding Article 7 Emissions and Releases

[1.Each Party, subject to its national plan and based upon national circumstances and capabilities and relevant national environmental regulations, should take necessary measures to regulate the emissions and releases of plastics, including microplastics, across their life cycle, to the environment.

2. Each Party, subject to its national plan and in accordance with its national circumstances and capabilities and relevant national environmental regulations, should take necessary measures to regulate and reduce emissions and releases of plastic pellets, flakes and powder from production, storage, handling and transport, taking into account, the relevant provisions and guidance agreed in the framework of relevant international organizations, as appropriate.

3. The governing body will serve to determine within a reasonable period of time initial lists of plastic products and/or chemicals that are most concerning for emissions and releases based on the methodology determined in Annex XXX.

4. The measures taken to implement the provisions of this article shall be reflected in the national plan communicated pursuant to [Part IV.1 on national plans].

5. The governing body*, at its first session, shall adopt guidelines, to facilitate implementation of the obligations set out in paragraph 1 based on best available techniques and best environmental practices to capture and remove plastic pollution, including microplastics.

6. Parties are encouraged to promote scientific and technical innovation to prevent and capture the releases of plastics and plastic products, including microplastics.

7. There shall be an assessment of the need as well as mobilization of financial resources and technology transfer for each country in order to nationally driven commitments under this provision.]

* The linkage between Article 3 and 7 should be elaborated.