

## Proposed Text Regarding Article 9 Existing Plastic Waste Management

[1. Parties shall cooperate to:

(a) **Identify, evaluate and prioritize locations or accumulation zones most affected by existing plastic pollution, including in the terrestrial, freshwater and marine environment and areas beyond national jurisdiction, or where quantities and types of plastic pollution pose a threat to human health, species or habitats; and areas beyond national jurisdiction, or where quantities and types of plastic pollution pose a threat to human health, species or habitats; and**

(b) Take mitigation and remediation measures, including clean-up activities in such identified affected locations or accumulation zones, taking into account the special circumstances of Small Island Developing States, and the disproportionate impacts on them of such plastic pollution.

(c) **The financial and technical support of developing countries to tackle with existing plastic pollution should be addressed.**

2. When implementing remediation measures outside of national jurisdictions, Parties should take into account relevant provisions of international agreements.

3. Each Party is encouraged to promote engagement of local communities, civil society, as well as the private sector, in activities pursuant to paragraphs 1 and 2.

4. The Conference of the Parties shall adopt guidance, as appropriate, to facilitate implementation of this Article. **The guidance should cover following items but not limited to (Regarding producer responsibility; extended producer responsibility, regulations on international shipment of plastic waste can be added into the text. On the other hand, provisions in terms of financing, incentives, grant and support programmes for combating plastic pollution, financial support for innovative recycling technologies and activation of the fund planned to be established can be listed. Regarding technical concept; development of plastic waste management systems, improvement of plastic recycling technologies, use of biodegradable alternative materials, resource efficiency and reduction methods in plastic production, advanced waste separation and collection systems and zero waste practices).**]

Work in the interim period between the DipCON and COP1 (for adoption by the COP at its first meeting) could include the development of guidance to assist Parties in implementing this Article, and support to Signatories, in particular to LDCs and SIDS, for early implementation.