

ARTICLE 17 INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Türkiye strongly believes that international cooperation and information sharing are key to achieving the objectives of this Convention. Therefore, we align with the provisions of Article 17 outlined in paragraphs 1 to 5, with few textual proposals.

We support the exchange of information on sustainable consumption and production of plastics, research, technologies, and innovation, as well as scientific and technical knowledge, including traditional knowledge.

In particular, we recognize the value of sharing best practices related to sustainable production and consumption, circular economy principles and zero waste initiatives as well as the adoption of new technologies. By facilitating the exchange of such information, we can accelerate progress towards the goal of ending plastic pollution.

Furthermore, we emphasize the importance of creating platforms for this open exchange, including through online clearinghouses and the designation of national focal points, as described in paragraphs 2 and 3. However it would be more beneficial if the national focal point mentioned in this article is distinct from the one appointed for waste management. This is because this article is not limited to waste management, and the information sharing will cover a wide range of topics. Therefore we want to add “national focal points” instead of a national focal point, and square bracket rest of the phrase beginning with including in para 2 since the negotiations are yet to be finalized on Article 8.

We also fully support the encouragement of building on existing, initiatives, and networks to further share knowledge and highlight replicable and scalable sustainable solutions, as outlined in paragraph 4 but we would like to delete “ongoing processes” to avoid redundancy.

Finally, Türkiye acknowledges the need to protect confidential information in a manner that respects relevant international norms, as per paragraph 5.