

This is a proposal for streamlining paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of Article 7 from the UK and Kenya. This text is being shared for consideration in further discussions via the portal for transparency and accessibility and has not been agreed.

2. [Parties [should] [may] ~~[shall take into account, is appropriate relevant international and regional rules, standards and guidelines]~~ cooperate [, as appropriate, ] [in undertaking research ~~[and]]~~ ~~[identification][and monitoring] of sources of leakages]~~ in ~~[monitoring and] researching [of sources]~~ ~~[, levels]~~ ~~[and]~~ ~~[, fate of] [and efficient management of]]~~ ~~[identification sources of]~~ leakages [and releases] [of plastics ~~[, including microplastics.]~~ across the lifecycle] [waste] [products]] [referred to in paragraph 1] ~~[, including microplastics,]~~ into the environment ~~[, [including on their sources and levels]]~~ ~~[with a focus on developing and promoting][and transferring]~~ [including] ~~[and]~~ [on] available, ~~[affordable]~~ ~~[technically and economically]~~ ~~[affordable]~~ ~~[and]~~ ~~[technically and economically]~~ accessible ~~[and appropriate]~~ technologies and measures ~~[that can effectively prevent plastic pollution in developing countries]~~ ~~[for [preventing releases and] leakages into the environment]]~~<sup>1</sup>

~~[1ter: In implementing [paragraph 1][this article], each Party shall take into account other relevant multilateral agreements, and rules, standards and guidelines issued by or under a multilateral body], as appropriate].]~~

**Proposed streamlined paragraph:**

2. [Parties [should] [may] cooperate [, as appropriate, ] [in undertaking research ~~[and]]~~ ~~[identification][and monitoring] of sources] [, levels,] [and]] ~~[, fate of] [and efficient management of]~~ leakages [and releases] [of plastics], including microplastics, ~~[across the lifecycle]~~ [waste] [products]] [referred to in paragraph 1] into the environment ~~[, [with a focus on developing and promoting][and transferring]~~ [including] ~~[and]~~ [on] available, [affordable] ~~[and]~~ ~~[technically and economically]~~ accessible ~~[and appropriate]~~ technologies and measures ~~[for preventing [releases and] leakages into the environment]]~~ technologies and measures ~~[that can effectively prevent plastic pollution in developing countries]]~~<sup>1</sup>~~

**Commented [A1]:** Propose to delete, as it could be captured by the streamlining proposal for paragraph 1ter.

**Commented [A2]:** Propose to delete, due to repetition

**Commented [A3]:** Propose to delete reference to “sources and levels” below, and insert levels here, to remove repetition.

**Commented [A4]:** Propose to delete, due to repetition

**Commented [A5]:** Propose to move to next to “plastics” for ease of reading.

**Commented [A6]:** Propose to bracket here, to reflect request that the second part of this paragraph should be bracketed.

**Commented [A7]:** Propose to remove, due to repetition.

**Commented [A8]:** Propose to insert a bracket to reflect different formulation of either “including on” or “and on”

**Commented [A9]:** Propose to move “affordable” to here to reflect that “technically and economically accessible” was proposed as an alternative.

**Commented [A10]:** Propose to move this here, to reflect that “technically and economically accessible” was proposed as an alternative to “affordable.”

**Commented [A11]:** Propose to delete, due to repetition.

**Commented [A12]:** 1ter was proposed as a streamlining proposal. We have added the option of this paragraph to apply to the article as a whole, to reflect the proposed addition to the first line of paragraph 2 on international rules.

<sup>1</sup> Footnote on Article 7, paragraph 2: As of 8 August 2025, Members in Contact Group 2 had not engaged in any textual negotiations or other discussions on this paragraph of Article 7 of the Chair’s Text.

3. [In implementing paragraph[s 1 and] 2, [each Party] ~~[Parties should cooperate to]~~ [shall][may] ~~[Parties should cooperate to]~~, as appropriate,] promote the [transfer and] use of best [accessible, ] available [techniques] and [[affordable][and appropriate] technologies and] [best] [environmental] practices [, including endogenous ones in developing countries,] on [preventing] [managing] [releases and] leakages [of ][plastics] [including microplastics] [waste] [referred to in paragraph 1] into the environment [, particularly for Indigenous Peoples ~~local communities~~, [as well as][and] local communities whose territories and livelihoods are disproportionately affected by plastic leakages, and taking into account the knowledges, sciences and practices of Indigenous Peoples and local [community] knowledge systems,] [taking into account the availability, affordability and infrastructural compatibility of such technologies in developing countries] ~~[and, where relevant, taking into account the knowledge and cultural practices of Indigenous Peoples [and local communities]]~~<sup>2</sup>. ]

**Commented [A13]:** Propose to move this, to reflect that “Parties should cooperate to” was proposed as an alternative to “each Party”.

**Commented [A14]:** Added “ones” for ease of reading, and in consultation with the proponents of this wording to check our understanding.

**Commented [A15]:** Propose to delete as it is repeated in the next phrase

**Commented [A16]:** Propose to delete, as this is covered by the previous line on Indigenous Peoples.

#### Proposed streamlined paragraph:

3. [In implementing paragraph[s 1 and] 2, [each Party] [shall][may] [Parties should cooperate to] [, as appropriate,] promote the [transfer and] use of best [accessible, ] available [techniques] and [[affordable][and appropriate] technologies and] [best] [environmental] practices [, including endogenous ones in developing countries,] on [preventing] [managing] [releases and] leakages [of ][plastics] [including microplastics] [waste] [referred to in paragraph 1] into the environment [, particularly for Indigenous Peoples, [as well as][and] local communities whose territories and livelihoods are disproportionately affected by plastic leakages, and taking into account the knowledges, sciences and practices of Indigenous Peoples and local [community] knowledge systems,] [and taking into account the availability, affordability and infrastructural compatibility of such technologies in developing countries]]<sup>2</sup>. ]

<sup>2</sup> **Footnote on Article 7, paragraph 3:** As of 8 August 2025, Members in Contact Group 2 had not engaged in any textual negotiations or other discussions on this paragraph of Article 7 of the Chair’s Text.

4. [The Conference of the Parties [may][[should]][shall, at no later than its second session,] [adopt] [voluntary] [guidance][including through a sectoral basis and the establishment of [dedicated] Programmes of Work] [~~and a dedicated programme of work~~] to support implementation [of this article] [including guidance on identification [and prioritization] ], monitoring and controlling] of sources of releases and leakages, and on the implementation of measures to address these sources][through a thorough consultation with all parties and subject to the availability of resources provided by the financial mechanism referred to in article X]. [consider arranging for two dialogues on the exchange of best practices, approaches, and experiences relevant to the implementation of this article][between parties and non party stakeholder, including industry, private sector, and academia, while striving for geographical balance across UN regions. Modalities and timelines will be decided by the second meeting of the CoP.] [~~voluntary] [guidance][including through a sectoral basis and the establishment of Programmes of Work] [~~and a dedicated programme of work~~] to support implementation [of this article] [including guidance on identification [and prioritization] ], monitoring and controlling] of sources of releases and leakages, and on the implementation of measures to address these sources][through a thorough consultation with all parties and subject to the availability of resources provided by the financial mechanism referred to in article X]<sup>3</sup>.]~~

**Commented [A17]:** Propose to delete, and add “dedicated” before programmes of work in the previous line.

**Commented [A18]:** We propose to move this to the top of this paragraph, for ease of reading.

**Proposed streamlined paragraph:**

4. [The Conference of the Parties [may][[should]][shall, at no later than its second session,] adopt [voluntary] [guidance][including through a sectoral basis and the establishment of [dedicated] Programmes of Work] to support implementation [of this article] [including guidance on identification [and prioritization] ], monitoring and controlling] of sources of releases and leakages, and on the implementation of measures to address these sources][through a thorough consultation with all parties and subject to the availability of resources provided by the financial mechanism referred to in article X][consider arranging for two dialogues on the exchange of best practices, approaches, and experiences relevant to the implementation of this article][between parties and non party stakeholder, including industry, private sector, and academia, while striving for geographical balance across UN regions. Modalities and timelines will be decided by the second meeting of the CoP].<sup>3</sup>]

<sup>3</sup> **Footnote on Article 7, paragraph 4:** As of 8 August 2025, Members in Contact Group 2 had not engaged in any textual negotiations or other discussions on this paragraph of Article 7 of the Chair’s Text.