

**United States of America
Submission on Article 5
Plastic Product Design**

Proposed Edits

Plastic Product ~~Design~~-Performance

[1. Each Party ~~is encouraged to~~ **shall** take measures:

(a) To promote enhanced design and performance of plastic products, as well as transparency, including with respect to their chemical composition, taking into account relevant international standards and guidelines, including sector- or product-specific standards and guidelines, in order to reduce the use of primary plastic polymers and associated chemicals of concern in plastic products; ~~and~~ increase the ~~safety and~~ durability of plastics products, ~~and~~ the ability to reuse, repair, recycle them; and to dispose of them in ~~a~~ **safe and** environmentally sound manner ~~upon their becoming waste~~.

(b) 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, **knowledge of Indigenous Peoples**, traditional knowledge, ~~knowledge of Indigenous Peoples~~ 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.

2. The Conference of the Parties ~~shall may~~ adopt, ~~at its first meeting,~~ guidance to assist Parties in their implementation of paragraph 1 of this Article. The Conference of the Parties shall keep under review, and update as appropriate, the guidance developed pursuant to this paragraph.]