

United States of America – Text Submission
Plastic Products

1. Each Party shall take one or more of the following measures for each of the products listed in Annex [Products]:
 - a. Prohibit production, use, import, or export, as appropriate;
 - b. Restrict or reduce production, use, import, or export, as appropriate;
 - c. Reduce or discourage government procurement, purchasing, or sale of the product;
 - d. Identify and promote environmentally preferable alternatives for the product;
 - e. Promote relevant design improvements and innovation, such as increasing the reusability or recyclability of the product;
 - f. Consider the human health or environmental impacts of the product in the Party's regulatory processes and take action to eliminate or reduce such impacts, as appropriate;
 - g. Undertake or promote research with a view to reducing environmental and human health impacts of the product, including any disproportionate impacts on persons in vulnerable situations, as applicable;
 - h. Promote actions by sub-national governments, private sector, civil society, and other stakeholders to eliminate use of the product.
2. In its national action plan submitted in accordance with Article [National Action Plans], each Party shall specify the measure or measures it is taking under paragraph 1.
3. Each Party shall report in accordance with Article [Reporting] on the measure or measures it has taken under paragraph 1.
4. Each Party shall undertake or promote scientific research and technological innovation at the national, regional, or global level to reduce the environmental and human health impacts of plastic products that contribute to plastic pollution.
5. After the first meeting of the governing body, any Party may submit an amendment proposal to the Secretariat to list additional products in Annex [Products] for consideration by the governing body in accordance with Article [Adoption and Amendment of Annexes].
6. Any proposal made pursuant to paragraph 5 shall include the following:
 - a. Scientific or technical information to demonstrate:
 - i. the human health and environmental impact(s) of the product;
 - ii. the global nature of the concern such that action is warranted under this instrument; and

- iii. the availability, accessibility, and affordability of products made with alternative materials and prospects of avoiding regrettable substitution.
- b. Evidence that clearly describes whether the proposed product:
 - i. has a high likelihood of being littered or ending up in the natural environment;
 - ii. is short-lived or single-use;
 - iii. can be avoided or replaced without significantly impeding functionality;
 - iv. cannot be reused, recycled or composted in practice and at scale; and
 - v. contains chemicals for which the Party has identified a risk of concern for use in that product.

Annex [Products]

- Rinse-off cosmetic and personal care products containing intentionally added microbeads
- Single-use plastic straws
- Single use plastic beverage stirrers
- Single-use plastic cutlery/utensils (forks, knives, spoons, chopsticks),
- Single-use plastic food and beverage packaging made from EPS (expanded polystyrene), and XPS (extruded polystyrene)
- Single-use plastic carrier bags
- Oxo-degradable plastic products
- Cigarette filters made with plastic