

**United States of America
Submission on Article 7
Emissions and Releases**

Proposed Edits

1. Each Party shall take measures to manage, **and** reduce, ~~and, where possible, eliminate~~ emissions and releases to the atmosphere, **and releases to** soil, water and the marine environment, **as appropriate, of from plastics across the life cycle** ~~the production, storage, transportation, use and end of life management of,~~ **including plastic pellets, flakes, and powder, as well as of hazardous pollutants from facilities that produce plastic or manage plastic waste.**

- ~~(a) Chemicals of concern as used in plastic products listed in Annex [A], and plastic products listed in Annex [B];~~
- ~~(b) Plastic pellets, flakes and powder from the supply chain;~~
- ~~(c) Microplastics during production of plastics~~
- ~~(d) Microplastics and nano-plastics during use of products.~~

Proposed New Provision

The United States believes fishing gear is a critical inclusion with the Emissions and Releases Article and proposes the following addition to the text notwithstanding other edits to other parts of the text. The U.S. recognizes there is a lot of interest on this topic and stands ready to work with other delegations on this text.

1. Bis

Each Party shall take measures, as appropriate, across the lifecycle of fishing and aquaculture gear composed of plastic to prevent or reduce, with a view towards eliminating, plastic pollution from fishing and aquaculture activities, including abandoned, lost, or otherwise discarded fishing and aquaculture gear.

Additional Proposed Edits

2. In implementing its obligation pursuant to paragraph 1, each Party ~~should shall~~ take into account, as appropriate, **potential disproportionate and adverse impacts from plastic pollution on persons in vulnerable situations, opportunities to improve monitoring of pollution within impacted communities, and** relevant international rules, standards, and guidelines.

3. The Conference of the Parties ~~may shall, at its first meeting,~~ adopt guidance on best available techniques and best environmental practices on **managing and reducing** ~~preventing~~ emissions and releases, **as appropriate,** into the environment, as well as guidance, including, where relevant, on a sectoral basis, to facilitate implementation of the obligations set out in paragraphs 1 [and 2] of this article.]