

ARTICLE 19: HEALTH

1. Parties are encouraged to:

- a. Promote the development and implementation of strategies and programmes to identify and protect against adverse health impacts related to plastic pollution, with the participation of public health and other involved sectors and with particular regard for persons in vulnerable situations. Such strategies and programmes may include science-based health guidelines relating to exposure to plastic pollution, research on the potential health impacts from exposure to microplastics and nanoplastics, goals for exposure reduction, if appropriate, and public education;
- b. Promote the development and implementation of science-based educational and preventive programmes regarding occupational exposure to plastic pollution, including from microplastics and nanoplastics; and
- c. Promote institutional capacities and health-care services for the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of health conditions related to exposure to plastic pollution, based on available scientific evidence of human health impacts.

2. The governing body, in considering issues or activities related to this article, may invite other relevant intergovernmental organizations, partners and stakeholders to collaborate, cooperate, and exchange information, as appropriate.