

United States of America – Text Submission

Article 17 – Information Exchange

1. Each Party shall facilitate the exchange of information in support of the objective of the Convention, such as:
 - (a) Best practices and policies on sustainable consumption and production of plastic;
 - (b) Research, technologies, innovation, and green chemistry related to plastic; and
 - (c) Scientific and technical knowledge, including traditional knowledge, Indigenous Knowledge, inter alia, on environmentally sound management, sources of plastic pollution and its behavior in the environment, human and ecological exposure to plastic pollution, health and environmental impacts and the associated risk management and pollution reduction options.
2. Each Party shall designate a national focal point for the exchange of information under this Convention.
3. Parties may exchange the information referred to in paragraph 1 directly, or through an online clearinghouse to be maintained by the secretariat and in cooperation with other relevant international instruments and organizations, as appropriate.
4. Parties are encouraged to learn from and build on existing ongoing processes, initiatives and networks to share knowledge, and highlight successes, including examples of replicating and scaling sustainable solutions.
5. For the purposes of this Convention, information on the health and safety of humans and the environment shall not be regarded as confidential. Parties that exchange other information pursuant to this Convention shall protect any confidential information as mutually agreed.