

United States Text Submission
Article 20: Conference of the Parties

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Edits to para 5:

5. The Conference of the Parties shall keep under continuous review and evaluation the implementation of this Convention. It shall perform the functions assigned to it by this Convention and, to that end, shall:
- a. Establish such subsidiary bodies as it considers necessary for the implementation of the *instrument**;
 - b. Cooperate, where appropriate, with competent international organizations and intergovernmental and non-governmental bodies;
 - c. ~~Take decisions on convening meetings;~~
 - d. ~~Review, evaluate and a~~ Adopt decisions related to the implementation of the *instrument**;
 - e. Consider and **undertake** ~~take any~~ **additional** action necessary to achieve the objectives of the Convention ~~including adopting procedures or requirements in additional annexes;~~
 - f. Consider **any recommendation submitted to it by the [compliance mechanism]** ~~matters~~ related to compliance;
 - g. ~~Request and consider scientific and technical assessments or reviews from the subsidiary bodies to the Convention or any independent body linked to the Convention;~~
 - h. ~~Oversee the work of subsidiary bodies;~~
 - i. Review information made available to it, including through ~~national reporting and subsidiary~~ bodies;
 - j. ~~With the help of the subsidiary bodies, provide guidance on financial needs for the implementation of measures~~ **Provide guidance to the financial mechanism**;
 - k. ~~[Consider amendments to the Convention proposed by the Parties.]~~

US Text for Scientific Subsidiary Body (also submitted for consideration in Article 18, Awareness-Raising)

1. **The Conference of the Parties, at its first meeting, shall establish a dedicated scientific subsidiary body comprised of scientific experts to provide scientific information and assessments with respect to global plastic pollution, including scientific information needed for the Parties in undertaking an effectiveness evaluation under Article xx.**

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- 2. The members of the scientific subsidiary body shall serve in their capacity as experts and accept no instruction from, nor function as, representatives of Governments, industries, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) or other organizations.**