12. Just transition

1. Each Party shall promote and facilitate a fair, equitable and inclusive transition for affected populations, with special consideration for women and vulnerable groups, including children and youth, in the implementation of this instrument*. This may include:

   a. Designating a national coordinating body for engagement with relevant stakeholders, including public authorities, non-governmental organizations and local communities;

   b. Enabling policies and conditions to ENSURE AND improve income, opportunities and livelihoods for impacted communities, including workforce training, development and social programmes, according to their needs and priorities;

   c. Incentivizing the development of skills and job opportunities across the plastic value chain, including for the development of reuse, repair, waste collection and sorting;

   d. Promoting a clean, healthy and sustainable environment for communities and workers across the value chain, including workers in the waste management sector;

   e. Improving working conditions for workers AND WASTE PICKERS in the waste management sector, including by providing legal recognition and protection to workers AND WASTE PICKERS in informal and cooperative settings and facilitating the formalization of their associations or cooperatives;

   f. Integrating workers AND WASTE PICKERS in informal and cooperative settings into a safe plastics value chain, including by requiring plastic product producers, recycling and waste management companies to integrate plastics collected and sorted by them into their operation schemes; and

   g. Requiring a portion of the fees collected through EPR schemes to be used to improve infrastructure and improve the livelihoods and opportunities for, and develop the skills of, workers AND WASTE PICKERS in the waste sector, including waste workers in informal and cooperative settings.

2. The measures taken to implement this provision shall be reflected in the national plan communicated pursuant to [part IV.1 on national plans].