China’s proposed text changes on Part IV-4

Periodic assessment and monitoring of the progress of implementation of the instrument* and effectiveness evaluation

a. Effectiveness evaluation

1. The governing body* shall periodically evaluate the effectiveness of this instrument* and determine any measures required to advance in achieving the objective. The governing body* shall undertake begin its first evaluation of effectiveness of the instrument* no later than [X] years after the date of entry into force of the instrument* and thereafter at least every [X] years.

2. The governing body* shall, at its first session, initiate the establishment of adopt the modalities for the evaluation of effectiveness of the instrument* in accordance with the provisions of this Article.

3. The evaluation shall be conducted on the basis of available scientific, environmental, technical, financial and economic information, including:

   a. National reporting pursuant to [part IV.3 on reporting on progress];
   b. National plans submitted by Parties pursuant to [part IV.1 on national plans];
   c. Scientific and socioeconomic assessments pursuant to [part V.2 on subsidiarybody];
   d. Best available scientific and technical knowledge, including scientific literature and other relevant sources;
   e. Information and recommendations provided by the committee referred to in [part IV.2 on implementation and compliance mechanism];
   f. Reports and other relevant information on the alignment of financial flows from all sources with the instrument*’s objective and targets, operation of the financial assistance, technology transfer and capacity-building arrangements put in place under this instrument*; and
   g. Other information the governing body* deems relevant.

4. The governing body* shall take into account the outcomes of the evaluation of effectiveness of the instrument* when determining measures required to enhance the effectiveness of the instrument*.

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1 Note: This language assumes that a scientific and/or technical body or review mechanism would be mandated to carry out scientific and socioeconomic assessments.
b. Review of chemicals and polymers of concern, microplastics and problematic and avoidable products

1. The governing body shall conduct, commencing [X] years after entry into force and at least every [X] years thereafter, a review of chemicals and polymers of concern used in plastic production, intentionally added microplastics and avoidable plastic products, with a view to assessing the state of knowledge with respect to their identification, production and use by Parties, and their impact on human health and the environment.

2. The review referred to in paragraph 1 shall be based on a report by [the expert review body or panel]. This report may contain recommendations to the governing body, including with respect to possible amendments to annexes A and B.

3. In the conduct of its work under this provision, the [the expert review body or panel] may prioritize substances, products or sectors with high volumes or the greatest likelihood of giving rise to plastic pollution.

4. The governing body shall consider, in light of the report provided by [the expert review body or panel] pursuant to paragraph 2, whether amendments to annexes A and B are warranted.

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2 Note: This proposed text assumes the adoption of annexes A and B as set out in some of the options under part II.2 (chemicals and polymers of concern) and part II.3 (avoidable plastic products, including short-lived and single-use products, and intentionally added microplastics).

3 Note: This language assumes that a scientific and/or technical body or review mechanism would be mandated to carry out this function and any related functions.

4 Note: This language assumes that a scientific and/or technical body or review mechanism would be mandated to carry out this function.

5 Note: This language assumes that a scientific and/or technical body or review mechanism would be mandated to carry out this function.