Jamaica’s textual proposal on Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) -

Jamaica would recommend a merger of options 1 and 2 with some minor amendments. It is important to mandate EPR schemes. However, national EPR schemes must be implemented as per national legislation. National circumstances and capabilities must be taken into account in the design and implementation of EPR schemes -

1. Each Party shall establish and operate Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) systems, in accordance with national legislation and taking into account, as appropriate, the modalities contained in annex D, to incentivize increased recyclability, promote higher recycling rates, and enhance the accountability of producers and importers for safe and environmentally sound management, of plastics and plastic products throughout their life cycle and across international supply chains.

2. The governing body* shall, at its first session, adopt modalities as outlined in Annex D, to inform the establishment of national EPR systems and define their essential features taking into account the objective of ensuring a just transition.

3. Parties shall, in implementing this provision, take into account how the measures taken would contribute to a just transition. These measures shall be reflected in the national plan communicated pursuant to [part IV.1 on national plans].

It is important that the elaboration of the modalities for EPR schemes to be outlined in Annex D be one of the activities undertaken in the intersessional period.