Japan’s proposal on National Action Plan, Implementation and compliance, Reporting on progress, Periodic assessment and monitoring of the progress of implementation and effectiveness evaluation, International cooperation, Awareness-raising, education and research (15th November)

1. National action plans

Entire section, and para 3:
The measures in the National Plan will not be limited to obligations, but also cover ambitious “actions”, including development of mid and long-term strategy, towards the objective of the instrument.

Para1:
For enabling collective assessment of progress of the measures under the instrument, common modalities and guidelines, in addition to the format, are needed.

1. Each Party shall develop and implement a national action plan to fulfil its obligations under this instrument and to achieve its objective(s). The national action plans shall be based on the modalities, guidelines and format in annex G, and shall include at least relevant elements related to which are not exhausted:

1. Primary plastic polymers;
2. Chemicals and polymers of concern;
3. Problematic and avoidable plastic products;
4. Product design and performance;
5. Reduce, reuse, refill and repair of plastics and plastic products;
6. Use of recycled plastic contents;
7. Extended Producer Responsibility;
8. Emissions and releases of plastic through its life cycle;
9. Waste management;

10. Fishing gear;

11. Existing plastic pollution, including in the marine environment; and


2. Each Party shall communicate its initial national action plan to the governing body* within [X] year[s] of the date on which this instrument* enters into force for it through the secretariat.

3. Each Party shall be guided by the modalities referred to in paragraph 1 when preparing and submitting their national action plan. National action plan shall include targets and actions in the medium term as well as long-term strategies towards achieving the objective and targets of the instrument.

4. A Party may at any time adjust its national action plan with a view to enhancing its level of ambition, in accordance with guidance adopted by the governing body*.

5. Parties are encouraged to coordinate on the establishment and implementation of regional plans to facilitate implementation of this instrument*, as appropriate.

6. Parties shall review, update and communicate to the governing body* their national action plans every [X] year[s], and in a manner to be specified by a decision of the governing body*, with each update representing a progression compared to the Party’s previous national action plan.

7. Each Party shall include information on the implementation of its national action plan towards achieving the objective of this instrument* in its national reports pursuant to [part IV.3 on reporting on progress].

2. Implementation and compliance

Paragraph 6b is not necessary. Paragraph 6c could cover Paragraph 6b.

6. The committee may consider issues on the basis of:

   a. Written submissions from any Party with respect to its own compliance;
**Additional options**

b. Written submission from any Party regarding another Party’s compliance;

c. Requests from the governing body*;

d. Information provided by the secretariat with respect to the status of submission of information under [part IV.3 on reporting on progress].

3. Reporting on progress

Para 3: For transparent progress tracking, the data to be reported should be objective and with evidence. And it should not be limited to production, imports and exports, but include leakage and discharged plastics among others.

3. Each Party shall include, in its reporting, information provided in accordance with [part II.14 on transparency, tracking, monitoring and labelling, paragraphs 2 and 3], including statistical data on types and volumes of its production, imports and exports of plastic polymers and products. Ensuring transparent assessment of progress by Parties, visualization of implementations should be realized by using objective data and its evidence on measures in national action plan and reporting.

Such data and its evidence include numerical information on production and consumption, leakage along the value chain, waste generation, collection of waste, recycling(quantity/rates), collection of discharged plastics into the marine and other environments, policy targets and goals reflecting the global goal, detailed roadmap towards the realization of the targets and goals, and their achievements.

Para 6: The development of the guidelines is important for promoting disclosure, which the governing body may adopt.

6alt. The Governing body shall adopt the guidelines related to disclosures from businesses on their activities and financial flows from resources related plastic pollution and related sustainable finance practices.
4. Periodic assessment and monitoring of the progress of implementation of the instrument* and effectiveness evaluation

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*.

a. 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 products86, 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].87 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]88 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]89 pursuant to paragraph 2, whether amendments to annexes A and B are warranted.]

5. International cooperation

Par 3d: All relevant monitoring for checking progress of implementation of the measures should be covered, including monitoring of emissions and leakage of macro as well as micro plastics for understanding those distribution in the environment.

3. Parties shall promote international cooperation in support of the objective of this instrument* through:
d. The implementation of the monitoring obligations, including the monitoring of plastics in the environment and the identification of sources of their leakage;

7. Awareness-raising, education and research

Para 2 a. Promoting consumer’s behavioural change will significantly contribute to reducing plastic pollution.

2. Each Party shall take relevant measures to raise awareness on plastic pollution and the objective of this instrument*. This may include measures such as:

   a. Developing a communication and education strategy on the objective of the instrument*, involving all stakeholders, including educational and awareness-raising programmes and citizen campaigns with a view to promoting behavioural change;