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**Text proposal #1**

**Option 2**

2. Each Party **shall** adopt design and performance criteria and regulatory schemes [...] 

(a) Increase the safety, durability, reusability, refillability, repairability and refurbishability of plastics and plastic products, as relevant, and their capacity to be reused, repurposed, recycled and disposed of in a safe and environmentally sound manner upon becoming waste.

**Rationale**

New Zealand could work with either Option 1 or Option 2. However, for Option 2, we would prefer it to be legally binding.

Designing plastics for circularity should be considered only after reduction, reuse, refill or repair of better materials or systems have been considered. We will propose text accordingly.

**Text proposal #2**

**Provisions common for Options above**

4. Parties are encouraged to **shall** work with relevant international organizations towards the development of standards and guidelines at the multilateral level, including on a sectoral basis as relevant, to reduce the use of plastics in products across the value chain, including in product packaging, and improve the design of plastic products to increase their safety, durability, reusability, refillability, repairability and refurbishability, and their capacity to be reused, repurposed, recycled and disposed of in a safe and environmentally sound manner upon becoming waste.

**Rationale**

New Zealand supports the provisions common for Options but would like to see them be legally binding and reflect the role of reuse.