Norway proposal for new provision on Dedicated programmes of work
(preliminary placing in Part II before Provision 5)

To achieve the objectives of the internationally legally binding instrument, there is a need to address the value chain of sectors, and/or as appropriate, product groups and applications in a structured manner in the instrument.

Each sector manage plastics differently throughout the value chain according to its particular circumstances. The risk of adverse effects from plastic pollution on human health and the environment varies between, and within, different sectors which requires tailored policies and approaches.

Establishing Dedicated programs of work will support implementation and further develop the relevant provisions\(^1\) to make substantial progress in specific sectors and for product groups, including by aligning global and national policies, promote stakeholder actions across the value chain and ensure complementarity and cohesion among existing instruments and initiatives. Examples of sectors include but are not limited to: (i) packaging, (ii) fisheries and aquaculture, (iii) agriculture, (iv) textiles, (v) transportation, (vi) healthcare and medical, and (vii) construction.

**Proposed text for a new article**

1. Dedicated programmes of work are hereby established to support the implementation of the instrument\(^*\) for the following sectors and/or product groups:
   a. Packaging;
   b. Fisheries and aquaculture;
   c. Agriculture;
   d. Textiles

2. The governing body\(^*\) shall, at its first session, adopt the arrangements and terms of reference for the operation of the dedicated programmes of work, and review them periodically thereafter. The dedicated programmes of work shall:
   a. Prepare recommendations to the governing body\(^*\) for its consideration, on inter alia targets, criteria, measures & guidelines, to support implementation and to further develop the relevant provisions in the instrument\(^*\);
   b. Cooperate and coordinate with intergovernmental organisations and entities, as appropriate, and engage with relevant stakeholders through a multistakeholder action agenda;
   c. Report regularly to the governing body\(^*\) on all aspects of its work.

3. The governing body\(^*\) shall review on a regular basis the implementation and effectiveness of dedicated programmes of work and, based on such review, take relevant action.

4. The governing body\(^*\) shall initiate additional dedicated programmes of work, as appropriate, to support implementation of the instrument\(^*\).

\(^1\) Part II.5 on product design, composition and performance, Part II.6 on non-plastic substitutes, Part II.7 on extended producer responsibility, Part II. 8 on emissions and releases of plastic throughout its life cycle, and Part II. 9 on waste management.