

Contact Group 2 - Co-facilitators proposal to streamline compilation of revised zero draft text¹

This document captures the co-facilitators' suggestions to streamline the compilation of the contact group's revised zero draft text, following discussions of contact group 2 during INC3.²

5. International cooperation

OP1 Parties [are encouraged to] [shall] [cooperate][promote cooperation] with [each other [on a global basis and,] as appropriate[, on a regional basis][through North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation], and with] relevant intergovernmental organizations [and other entities], including relevant scientific organizations and bodies, to support the effective implementation of this *instrument** and the achievement of its objective, [while avoiding any duplication of efforts][including through strengthening and enhancing cooperation [with and among relevant legal instruments and frameworks, as well as global, regional, subregional and sectoral bodies]].

OP2 Parties [are encouraged to][shall] promote [as appropriate] the objective of this *instrument** when participating in decision-making [in accordance with unique national priorities][under other relevant legal instruments, frameworks or global, regional, subregional or sectoral bodies.³]

OP3 Parties [shall][are encouraged to] promote international cooperation in support of the objective of this *instrument** [as appropriate] through:

- a. [The development, transfer, diffusion of and access to technology [on mutually agreed terms] [and technical innovation[on mutually agreed terms]], consistent with [part III.2 on capacity-building, technical assistance and technology transfer], focusing on North south and triangular cooperation;]
- b. The development of research and exchange of information to improve the understanding of plastic pollution and advance technological innovation, consistent with [part IV.6 on information exchange and part IV.7 on awareness-raising, education and research];
- c. The promotion of technical and scientific cooperation, including regional platforms or databases, technical-scientific cooperation projects, and networks of technical centres;
- d. [The implementation of the monitoring obligations [taking into account the needs and capacities of developing country parties][including the monitoring of plastics in the environment and the identification of sources of their leakage];]
- e. The use of existing information exchange mechanisms to promote knowledge, best environmental practices and alternative technologies that are environmentally, technically, socially and economically viable.
- f. [Any other kind of cooperation that may be relevant to the objective of the *instrument*.]

OP3 Alt. [No text]

¹ **Note:** Due to the significant number of submissions received, there may be some missing submissions in this version.

² **Note:** The proposals are not listed in any order of priority.

³ **Note:** Adapted from the Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction, Article 8.

OP4 The *governing body** will invite, as appropriate, input from relevant scientific and technical bodies [, including the Science Policy Panel to be established in accordance with UNEA resolution 5/8, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change or the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services [or the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission], and other relevant bodies] on matters relevant to the fulfilment of its mandate.⁴ [The *governing body** may also consider relevant outcomes from the work of the above mentioned scientific and technical bodies.]

OP5 [Secretariat of the Treaty under the guidance of the COP][*governing body**] shall cooperate and collaborate with relevant international instruments and organizations, as appropriate, including with a view to ensuring the greatest level of consistency among relevant international instruments and organizations.⁵

OP5 Alt2. The Secretariat shall facilitate cooperation in the exchange of information referred to in this Article, as well as with relevant organizations, including the secretariats of relevant international instruments and other international initiatives, as appropriate, with a view to avoiding duplication among relevant international instruments and organizations.

OP5 Alt. [No text]

OP5 Bis. Activities mentioned in the paragraphs above under international cooperation may be conducted, as appropriate, through the cooperation mechanism* to be established under the *instrument**.

6. Information exchange

Part IV.6 Header Alt: Transparency

OP1 Each Party [shall][is encouraged to] facilitate [and undertake] exchange of information relevant to the implementation of the *instrument**[in a transparent manner][on best practices and research and technologies][, including on:

- a. Best practices and policies on sustainable consumption and production;
- b. Research and technologies [innovation, and green chemistry on voluntary and mutually agreed terms related to plastic;];
- c. Knowledge, including [the traditional][Indigenous] knowledge [of Indigenous Peoples obtained with their free, prior and informed consent] [and the knowledge of workers in the informal plastic sector [including waste-pickers]], *inter alia*, on environmentally sound waste management [of plastic waste], sources of plastic pollution, human and fauna and flora exposure to plastic pollution and the associated risk management and [pollution] reduction [policies, actions and other] options.
- d. Studies and experiences on circular economy and zero waste initiatives; and
- e. [Other innovative solutions.]]

[OP1 Bis. Exchange of information on indigenous knowledge, even if available, shall be subject to free, prior and informed consent.]

⁴ Note: Pursuant to UNEA resolution 5/8, the Science Policy Panel (SPP) could support “relevant multilateral agreements, other international instruments and intergovernmental bodies, the private sector and other relevant stakeholders in their work”. The exact wording of the proposed language would need to be finalized considering the outcomes of the work of the OEWG established by resolution 5/8 towards the establishment of the future SPP.

⁵ Note: Adapted from United Nations General Assembly resolution 73/333. The relevant international instruments and organizations would include, among others, the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade, the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter London Convention and its 1996 Protocol, the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, the World Customs Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and the International Labour Organization.

OP2 Parties may exchange the information [referred to in paragraph 1] [directly, through an online registry, [a clearinghouse] to be maintained by the secretariat or in cooperation with other relevant international instruments and organizations, as appropriate.][_through the cooperation mechanism* to be established under this *instrument*, particularly through its clearing-house platform.]

OP3 Each Party shall designate a national focal point for the exchange of information under this *instrument**, including with regard to the prior informed consent of importing States under [Part II.11 on trade in plastics and plastic products].

OP3 Alt. [No text]

OP4 Parties are encouraged to learn from and build on existing ongoing processes, initiatives and networks to share knowledge, [and] highlight successes, [including examples of] [replicate][replicating] and [scale][scaling] sustainable solutions [in addressing plastic pollution].

OP5 Parties exchanging information pursuant to this *instrument** shall protect any confidential information as mutually agreed [and handle Indigenous Knowledge consistent with relevant international norms or standards].

OP5 Bis. The Secretariat shall serve as a clearinghouse mechanism for information provided by Parties, intergovernmental organizations, partners and other stakeholders related to the implementation of the *instrument*.

7. Awareness-raising, education and research [and development]

Option 1

Awareness-raising, education and research [and development]

OP1 Parties, individually, jointly or through relevant regional or international bodies or networks, [including through the cooperation mechanism* to be established under the *instrument*] [shall][should] cooperate to promote awareness on plastic pollution and [contribute to the achievement of] the objective of this *instrument** and to [incentivize][and encourage relevant] behavioural change, capacity-building and the sharing of information, including on Indigenous, traditional and local knowledge systems [of Indigenous Peoples obtained with their free, prior and informed consent] [as appropriate].

OP1 Alt. Parties shall cooperate in taking measures, as appropriate, to enhance education, training, public awareness, public participation and public access to information, recognizing the importance of these steps with respect to enhancing actions under this *instrument*.

OP2 Each Party [is encouraged to] [shall][provide environmental, health and sustainability information, and] take [relevant] measures to raise awareness on [plastic pollution and] [contribute to the achievement of] 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][relevant] [partners and] stakeholders [as appropriate], including educational and awareness-raising programmes and [citizen][public] campaigns [with a view to creating behavioural change];]
- b. Promoting public participation and public access to information;
- c. Providing training at the national, regional and international levels[, including exchange visits and specific dedicated training;]
- d. [Including [promoting the inclusion of] issues related to plastic pollution across curricula and practices in educational institutions [at all levels and in all forms of education]; and]
- e. [Developing [regularly-updated and standardized] communication materials [regarding the health risks][on the health impacts] of plastic pollution, [and the importance of behavioural change as well as] potential alternatives [and the importance of behavioural change [and on just transition].]]

OP2 Alt. Each Party are encouraged to take measures to raise awareness on the objective of this *instrument**. This may include measures such as:

- a. Promoting public participation and public access to information
- b. Providing training at the national, regional and international levels.

OP2 Bis. Sharing of indigenous knowledge, even if available, shall be subject to free, prior and informed consent.

OP3 Parties shall, within their [respective circumstances][capabilities], at the national, regional and international levels, [including through the cooperation mechanism* to be established under the *instrument**] [endeavour to] cooperate in promoting and/or undertake relevant research, development, exchange of information and cooperation [and sharing and disseminating information on plastic] to improve understanding of the impacts of plastic pollution and advance scientific knowledge and promote technological innovation to [prevent and] reduce plastic pollution, including in the marine environment.

Option 2

[Scientific Research, Development and Innovation]

[OP1 Parties shall endeavor to advance scientific and technological research, development and innovation, including by:

- a. Developing and implementing sustainable and circular plastics approaches and systems-wide solutions;
- b. Enhancing understanding of environmental and human health impacts of plastic pollution and alternative solutions across the full life cycle;
- c. Promoting and improving methods for the monitoring and modelling plastic pollution including its distribution and abundance in the environment;
- d. Promoting the collaborative development and use of standardized methods and approaches for environmental data collection and analyses, to improve reliability and comparability; and
- e. Incorporating indigenous knowledge and other cultural and socio-economic factors, as appropriate.

OP2 Such efforts should support and accelerate solutions across the plastics lifecycle and minimize unintended consequences.]

Option 3

Awareness-raising, education, and information exchange

Part IV.6 and 7 Alt.

[1. Parties shall promote and facilitate public awareness-raising, education, and information exchange related to plastic pollution and its effects relevant to the implementation of this *instrument** and shall promote, as appropriate, such efforts at the regional, national and international levels and cooperate, as appropriate, with relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.

2. Each Party shall promote and facilitate measures to raise awareness, improve understanding, and share information, such as:

- a. Developing a communication and education strategy on the objective of the *instrument**, involving [partners and] stakeholders, including educational and awareness-raising programmes and citizen campaigns.
- b. Promoting public participation and public access to information;
- c. Providing training at the national, regional and international levels, including exchange visits and specific dedicated training;
- d. Promoting the inclusion of plastic pollution issues across curricula and practices in educational institutions;

3. Each party shall facilitate exchange of information relevant to the implementation of the *instrument**, such as:

- a. Best practices and policies on sustainable consumption and production;
- b. Research, technologies, innovation, and green chemistry;
- c. Knowledge, including Indigenous knowledge, inter alia, on environmentally sound waste management, sources of plastic pollution, human and fauna and flora exposure to plastic pollution, health and environmental impacts and the associated risk management and pollution reduction options.

4. Parties may exchange the information referred to in paragraph 3 directly, through to be maintained by the secretariat or in cooperation with other relevant international instruments and organizations, as appropriate.
5. Each Party shall designate a national focal point for the exchange of information under this *instrument**.
6. Parties are encouraged to learn from and build on existing ongoing processes, initiatives and networks to share knowledge, and highlight successes, including examples of replicating and scaling sustainable solutions.
7. Parties exchanging information pursuant to this *instrument** shall protect any confidential information as mutually agreed.]

8. [Partner and] Stakeholder engagement

OP1 A multi-stakeholder action agenda⁶ that promotes inclusive, representative and transparent actions and leverages efforts through existing bodies, partnerships and other initiatives is hereby established. The *governing body**, at its first session, shall adopt the modalities for the action agenda.⁷

OP2 The purpose of the multi-stakeholder action agenda is to, among other things:

- a. Promote active and meaningful participation of [Indigenous Peoples and] [all] relevant [partners and] stakeholders [including academia, Indigenous People and local community (IPLC), local government, and the youth][in particular women, youth and Indigenous Peoples & Local Communities, the informal sector and other vulnerable groups] in the development and implementation of the *instrument** and to accelerate ambitious action;
- b. Provide a space for relevant [partners and] stakeholders [who wish to do so to report][to share information] on action taken in support of the achievement of the objective of this *instrument**;
- c. Promote ambitious action and cooperation at the local, national, regional and global levels;
- d. [In coordination with Parties in their implementation of the *instrument**, mobilize][Support the mobilization of] financial and technical resources from [private sector] stakeholders[, including public and private finance stakeholders][in support of the implementation of the *instrument*];
- e. Share knowledge and highlight successes to replicate and scale sustainable [solutions, including in high-impact sectors and key thematic areas.]

OP2 Alt. The purpose of the multi-stakeholder action agenda is to promote active and meaningful participation of all relevant [partners and] stakeholders in the development and implementation of the *instrument**, through share knowledge, opportunities and highlight successes to replicate and scale sustainable solutions.

OP3 Each Party shall [encourage relevant [partners and] stakeholders to participate in the multi-stakeholder action agenda][incentivize an all-of-society approach to report through the multi-stakeholder action agenda on measures taken] towards the objective and targets of the *instrument**.

OP3 Bis. The multi-stakeholder action agenda shall include, inter alia, the informal recycling sector and waste pickers, local governments and all sectors of the plastic industry.

⁶ Note: The multi-stakeholder agenda could alternatively be launched through a decision of the committee as early as the committee's third session outside of this *instrument*.

⁷ Note: Modalities of the agenda could be established by the governing body at its first session or alternatively be included in an annex to this *instrument**.

Part IV.8 Bis. Health aspects

1. Parties are encouraged to:

- a. Promote the development and implementation of strategies and programmes to identify and protect populations at risk, particularly vulnerable populations, and which may include adopting science-based health guidelines relating to the exposure to plastic pollution, in particular microplastics and related issues, setting targets for their exposure reduction, where appropriate, and public education, with the participation of public health and other involved sectors;
- b. Promote the development and implementation of science-based educational and preventive programmes on occupational exposure to plastic pollution, in particular microplastics and related issues;
- c. Promote appropriate health-care services for prevention, treatment and care for populations affected by the exposure to plastic pollution, in particular microplastics and related issues; and
- d. Establish and strengthen, as appropriate, the institutional and health professional capacities for the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and monitoring of health risks related to the exposure to plastic pollution, in particular microplastics and related issues.

2. The Conference of the Parties, in considering health-related issues or activities, should:

- a. Consult and collaborate with the World Health Organization, other relevant intergovernmental organizations, and other relevant [partners and] stakeholders as appropriate; and
- b. Promote cooperation and exchange of information with the World Health Organization, and other relevant intergovernmental organizations, and other relevant [partners and] stakeholders as appropriate.

Appendix 1

Contact Group 2 - Co-facilitators proposal to streamline compilation of revised zero draft text⁸ - with changes tracked

To aid transparency, this appendix shows the co-facilitators' suggestions to streamline the compilation of the contact group's revised zero draft text. Suggestions are shown as tracked changes, against the most recent compilation text published on the INC3 webpage on 18 November 2023.

Part IV	5. International cooperation
	6. Information exchange
	7. Awareness-raising, education and research
	8. Stakeholder engagement

9. International cooperation

- Parties ~~[are encouraged to]~~ [shall] [cooperate][~~promote cooperation~~] with [each other -[on a global basis and,] as appropriate[, on a regional basis][~~through North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation~~], and with] relevant intergovernmental organizations [and other entities], including relevant scientific organizations and bodies, to support the effective implementation of this *instrument** and the achievement of its objective, [~~while avoiding any duplication of efforts~~][including through strengthening and enhancing cooperation [with and among relevant legal instruments and frameworks, as well as global, regional, subregional and sectoral bodies]].

OPI Alt. The development, transfer, diffusion of and access to technology and technical innovation on mutually agreed terms and technical innovation, consistent with [part III.2 on capacity building, technical assistance and technology transfer];

~~*OPI Alt2. Parties are encouraged to cooperate with each other, as appropriate, and with relevant intergovernmental organizations and other entities, including relevant scientific organizations and bodies, to support the effective implementation of this instrument* and the achievement of its objective, including through strengthening and enhancing cooperation.*~~

~~*OPI Alt3. Parties shall promote cooperation with relevant international organizations, including relevant scientific organizations and bodies, to support the effective implementation of this instrument* and the achievement of its objective, while avoiding any duplication of efforts.*~~

~~Parties shall cooperate with each other on a global basis and, as appropriate, on a regional basis, through North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation, and with relevant intergovernmental organizations and other entities, including relevant scientific organizations and bodies, to support the effective implementation of this instrument* and the achievement of its objective, including through strengthening and enhancing cooperation with and among relevant legal instruments and frameworks, as well as global, regional, subregional and sectoral bodies.~~

- Parties ~~[are encouraged]~~[shall] promote [as appropriate] the objective of this *instrument** when participating in decision-making [~~in accordance with unique national priorities~~][under other relevant legal instruments, frameworks or global, regional, subregional or sectoral bodies.⁹]

~~*OP2 Alt. Parties are encouraged to promote the objective of this instrument when participating in decision-making, in accordance to unique national priorities*~~

⁸ Note: Due to the significant number of submissions received, there may be some missing submissions in this version.

⁹ Note: Adapted from the Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction, Article 8.

~~OP2-Alt2. Parties shall promote, as appropriate, the objective of this instrument* when participating in decision-making under other relevant legal instruments, frameworks or global, regional, subregional or sectoral bodies.~~

3. Parties ~~[shall]~~[are encouraged to] promote international cooperation in support of the objective of this instrument* ~~[as appropriate]~~ through:

~~OP3-Chapeau-Alt. Parties are encouraged to promote international cooperation in support of the objective of this instrument* through:~~

~~OP3-Chapeau-Alt2. Parties shall promote international cooperation in support of the objective of this instrument*, as appropriate, through:~~

- a. ~~[The development, transfer, diffusion of and access to technology [on mutually agreed terms] [and technical innovation[on mutually agreed terms]], consistent with [part III.2 on capacity-building, technical assistance and technology transfer], focusing on North south and triangular cooperation;~~
]

~~OP3.a-Alt. The development, transfer, diffusion of and access to technology on mutually agreed terms and technical innovation, consistent with [part III.2 on capacity-building, technical assistance and technology transfer], focusing on North south and triangular cooperation;~~

~~OP3.a-Alt2. The development, transfer, diffusion of and access to technology on mutually agreed terms and technical innovation, on mutually agreed terms consistent with [part III.2 on capacity-building, technical assistance and technology transfer];~~

~~OP3.a-Alt4. The development, transfer, diffusion of and access to technology on mutually agreed terms and technical innovation, consistent with [part III.2 on capacity-building, technical assistance and technology transfer];~~

~~OP3.a-Alt5. [No text]~~

- b. The development of research and exchange of information to improve the understanding of plastic pollution and advance technological innovation, consistent with ~~[part IV.6 on information exchange and part IV.7 on awareness-raising, education and research];~~
- c. The promotion of technical and scientific cooperation, including regional platforms or databases, technical-scientific cooperation projects, and networks of technical centres;
- d. ~~[The implementation of the monitoring obligations [taking into account the needs and capacities of developing country parties][including the monitoring of plastics in the environment and the identification of sources of their leakage];]~~

~~OP3.d-Alt. The implementation of the monitoring obligations, taking into account the needs and capacities of developing country parties;~~

~~OP3.d-Alt2. The implementation of the monitoring obligations, including the monitoring of plastics in the environment and the identification of sources of their leakage;~~

~~OP3.d-Alt3. Delete~~

- e. The use of existing information exchange mechanisms to promote knowledge, best environmental practices and alternative technologies that are environmentally, technically, socially and economically viable.

e-f. ~~[Any other kind of cooperation that may be relevant to the objective of the instrument.]~~

~~OP3 Alt2. [No text]Delete~~

4. The governing body* will invite, as appropriate, input from relevant scientific and technical bodies ~~],~~ including the Science Policy Panel to be established in accordance with UNEA resolution 5/8, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change or the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on

Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services [or the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission], and other relevant bodies] on matters relevant to the fulfilment of its mandate.¹⁰ [The governing body* may also consider relevant outcomes from the work of the above mentioned scientific and technical bodies.]

~~*OP4 Alt.* The governing body* will invite, as appropriate, input from relevant scientific and technical bodies, including the Science Policy Panel to be established in accordance with UNEA resolution 5/8, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change or the Intergovernmental Science Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services or the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, and other relevant bodies on matters relevant to the fulfilment of its mandate. The governing body* may also consider relevant outcomes from the work of the above mentioned scientific and technical bodies.~~

~~*OP4 Alt2.* The governing body* shall invite, as appropriate, input from relevant scientific and technical bodies, on matters relevant to the fulfilment of its mandate.~~

5. The [Secretariat of the Treaty under the guidance of the COP][governing body*] shall cooperate and collaborate with relevant international instruments and organizations, as appropriate, including with a view to ensuring the greatest level of consistency among relevant international instruments and organizations.¹¹

~~*OP5 Alt.* The Secretariat of the Treaty under the guidance of the COP governing body* shall cooperate and collaborate with relevant international instruments and organizations, as appropriate, including with a view to ensuring the greatest level of consistency among relevant international instruments and organizations.~~

OP5 Alt2. The Secretariat shall facilitate cooperation in the exchange of information referred to in this Article, as well as with relevant organizations, including the secretariats of relevant international instruments and other international initiatives, as appropriate, with a view to avoiding duplication among relevant international instruments and organizations.

OP5 Alt. [No text]Delete

OP5 Bis. Activities mentioned in the paragraphs above under international cooperation may be conducted, as appropriate, through the cooperation mechanism* to be established under the instrument*.

10. Information exchange

1. Each Party [shall][is encouraged to] facilitate [and undertake] exchange of information relevant to the implementation of the instrument*[in a transparent manner][on best practices and research and technologies], including on:

~~*OP1 Chapeau Alt.* Each Party shall facilitate and undertake exchange of information relevant to the implementation of the instrument* in a transparent manner, including on:~~

~~*OP1 Chapeau Alt2.* Each Party shall facilitate and undertake exchange of information relevant to the implementation of the instrument*, including on:~~

- f. Best practices and policies on sustainable consumption and production;
- g. Research and technologies [innovation, and green chemistry on voluntary and mutually agreed terms related to plastic;-];

¹⁰ Note: Pursuant to UNEA resolution 5/8, the Science Policy Panel (SPP) could support "relevant multilateral agreements, other international instruments and intergovernmental bodies, the private sector and other relevant stakeholders in their work". The exact wording of the proposed language would need to be finalized considering the outcomes of the work of the OEWG established by resolution 5/8 towards the establishment of the future SPP.

¹¹ Note: Adapted from United Nations General Assembly resolution 73/333. The relevant international instruments and organizations would include, among others, the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade, the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter London Convention and its 1996 Protocol, the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, the World Customs Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and the International Labour Organization.

Commented [A1]: Co-fac comment - there was also a proposal to merge this section with a revised section on 'transparency'

OP1.b Alt. b. Studies and experiences on circular economy and zero waste initiatives

- h. Knowledge, including [the traditional] [Indigenous] knowledge [of Indigenous Peoples obtained with their free, prior and informed consent] [and the knowledge of workers in the informal plastic sector [including waste-pickers]], *inter alia*, on environmentally sound waste management [of plastic waste], sources of plastic pollution, human and fauna and flora exposure to plastic pollution and the associated risk management and [pollution] reduction [policies, actions and other] options.
- ~~i. *OP1.c Alt.* Knowledge, including **Indigenous the traditional knowledge of Indigenous Peoples obtained with their free, prior and informed consent**, *inter alia*, on environmentally sound waste management, sources of plastic pollution, human and fauna and flora exposure to plastic pollution and the associated risk management and reduction options. Studies and experiences on circular economy and zero waste initiatives; and~~
- ~~i. —~~
- j. *OP1.e Bis.* [Other innovative solutions.]

OP1 Alt. Each Party is encouraged to facilitate and undertake exchange of information relevant to the implementation of the *instrument* “on best practices and research and technologies

[OP1 Bis. Exchange of information on indigenous knowledge, even if available, shall be subject to free, prior and informed consent.]

- 2. Parties may exchange the information [referred to in paragraph 1] [directly, through an online registry, [a clearinghouse] to be maintained by the secretariat or in cooperation with other relevant international instruments and organizations, as appropriate.] [through the cooperation mechanism* to be established under this instrument, particularly through its clearing-house platform.]

~~*OP2 Alt.* Parties may exchange the information directly, through an online registry to be maintained by the secretariat or in cooperation with other relevant international instruments and organizations, as appropriate.~~

~~*OP2 Alt2.* Parties may exchange the information referred to in paragraph 1 through the cooperation mechanism* to be established under this instrument, particularly through its clearing-house platform.~~

~~*OP2 Alt3.* Parties may exchange the information referred to in paragraph 1 directly, through an online registry, a clearinghouse to be maintained by the secretariat, or in cooperation with other relevant international instruments and organizations, as appropriate.~~

- 3. Each Party shall designate a national focal point for the exchange of information under this *instrument**, including with regard to the prior informed consent of importing States under *[Part II.11 on trade in plastics and plastic products]*.

OP3 Alt. [No text] ~~Delete~~

- ~~4. Parties are encouraged to learn from and build on existing ongoing processes, initiatives and networks to share knowledge, [and] highlight successes, [including examples of] [replicate][replicating] and [scale][scaling] sustainable solutions [in addressing plastic pollution].~~

~~*OP4 Alt.* Parties are encouraged to learn from and build on existing ongoing processes, initiatives and networks to share knowledge, and highlight successes, including examples of replicating and scaling sustainable solutions in addressing plastic pollution.~~

~~4. —~~

- 5. Parties exchanging information pursuant to this *instrument** shall protect any confidential information as mutually agreed [and handle Indigenous Knowledge consistent with relevant international norms or standards].

~~*OP5 Alt.* Parties exchanging information pursuant to this *instrument** shall protect any confidential information as mutually agreed and handle Indigenous Knowledge consistent with relevant international norms or standards.~~

OP5 Bis. The Secretariat shall serve as a clearinghouse mechanism for information provided by Parties, intergovernmental organizations, partners and other stakeholders related to the implementation of the instrument.

11. Awareness-raising, education and research [and development]

~~Part IV.7 Heading alt. Awareness-raising, education and research and development~~

1. Parties, individually, jointly or through relevant regional or international bodies or networks, ~~[including through the cooperation mechanism* to be established under the instrument] [shall][should]~~ cooperate to promote awareness on plastic pollution and ~~[contribute to the achievement of]~~ the objective of this *instrument** and to ~~[incentivize][encourage relevant]~~ behavioural change, capacity-building and the sharing of information, including on Indigenous, traditional and local knowledge systems ~~[of Indigenous Peoples obtained with their free, prior and informed consent] [as appropriate].~~

OPI Alt. Parties shall cooperate in taking measures, as appropriate, to enhance education, training, public awareness, public participation and public access to information, recognizing the importance of these steps with respect to enhancing actions under this instrument.

~~*OPI Alt2.* Parties, individually, jointly or through relevant regional or international bodies or networks, should cooperate to promote awareness on plastic pollution and the objective of this *instrument* and to incentivize behavioural change, capacity-building and the sharing of information, including on Indigenous, traditional and local knowledge systems of Indigenous Peoples obtained with their free, prior and informed consent.~~

~~*OPI Alt3.* Parties, individually, jointly or through relevant regional or international bodies or networks, including through the cooperation mechanism* to be established under the instrument*, should cooperate to promote awareness on plastic pollution and the objective of this *instrument** and to incentivize behavioural change, capacity-building and the sharing of information, including on Indigenous, traditional and local knowledge systems.~~

~~*OPI Alt4.* Parties, individually, jointly or through relevant regional or international bodies or networks, shall cooperate to promote awareness on plastic pollution and contribute to the achievement of the objective of this *instrument** and to encourage relevant behavioural change, capacity-building and the sharing of information, including on indigenous, traditional and local knowledge systems, as appropriate.~~

2. Each Party ~~[is encouraged to] [shall][provide environmental, health and sustainability information, and]~~ take ~~[relevant]~~ measures to raise awareness on ~~[plastic pollution and]~~ ~~[contribute to the achievement of]~~ the objective of this *instrument**. This may include measures such as:

~~*OP2 Chapeau Alt.* Each Party shall provide environmental, health and sustainability information, and take relevant measures to raise awareness on plastic pollution and the objective of this *instrument**. This may include measures such as:~~

~~*OP2 Chapeau Alt2.* Each Party shall take relevant measures to raise awareness on plastic pollution and [contribute to the achievement of] the objective of this *instrument**. This may include measures such as:~~

- f. ~~[Developing a communication and education strategy on the objective of the *instrument**, involving [all][relevant] [partners and] stakeholders [as appropriate], including educational and awareness-raising programmes and [citizen][public] campaigns [with a view to creating behavioural change];]~~

~~OP2.a Alt. Developing a communication and education strategy on the objective of the instrument*, involving all partners and stakeholders, including educational and awareness-raising programmes and citizen campaigns;~~

~~OP2.a Alt2. Developing a communication and education strategy on the objective of the instrument*, involving all relevant stakeholders, as appropriate including educational and awareness-raising programmes and citizen public campaigns;~~

~~OP2.a Alt3. 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 creating behavioural change;—~~

f.g. Promoting public participation and public access to information;

g.h. Providing training at the national, regional and international levels[, including exchange visits and specific dedicated training;]

h.i. [Including promoting the inclusion of] issues related to plastic pollution across curricula and practices in educational institutions [at all levels and in all forms of education]; and]

~~OP2.d Alt. Including **Promoting the inclusion of** issues related to plastic pollution across curricula and practices in educational institutions at all levels and in all forms of education; and~~

i.j. [Developing regularly updated and standardized] communication materials [regarding the health risks][on the health impacts] of plastic pollution, [and the importance of behavioural change as well as] potential alternatives [and the importance of behavioural change [and on just transition].]

~~OP2.e Alt. Developing communication materials regarding the health risks of plastic pollution, and the importance of behavioural change as well as potential alternatives and the importance of behavioural change.~~

~~OP2.e Alt. Developing regularly updated and standardized communication materials regarding the health risks of plastic pollution, potential alternatives and the importance of behavioural change.~~

~~OP2.e Alt2. Developing communication materials regarding the health risks of plastic pollution, potential alternatives and the importance of behavioural change and on just transitions.~~

~~OP2.e Alt3. Developing communication materials regarding on the health risks **impacts** of plastic pollution, potential alternatives, [and] the importance of behavioral change to reduce plastic waste generation and mismanagement and other relevant topics.~~

OP2 Alt. Each Party are encouraged to take measures to raise awareness on the objective of this *instrument**. This may include measures such as:

- c. Promoting public participation and public access to information
- d. Providing training at the national, regional and international levels.

~~OP2 Bis. Sharing of indigenous knowledge, even if available, shall be subject to free, prior and informed consent.~~

3. Parties shall, within their [respective circumstances][capabilities], at the national, regional and international levels, [including through the cooperation mechanism* to be established under the instrument*] [endeavour to] cooperate in promoting and/or undertake relevant research, development, exchange of information and cooperation [and sharing and disseminating information on plastic] to improve understanding of the impacts of plastic pollution and advance scientific knowledge and promote technological innovation to [prevent and] reduce plastic pollution, including in the marine environment.

~~*OP3-Alt2.* Parties shall, within their capabilities, at the national, regional and international levels, including through the cooperation mechanism* to be established under the instrument*, cooperate in promoting and/or undertake relevant research, development, exchange of information and cooperation to improve understanding of the impacts of plastic pollution and advance scientific knowledge and promote technological innovation to reduce plastic pollution, including in the marine environment.~~

~~*OP3-Alt3.* Parties shall, within their **respective circumstances** capabilities, at the national, regional and international levels, **endeavor to** cooperate in promoting and/or undertake relevant research, development, exchange of information and cooperation to improve understanding of the impacts of plastic pollution and advance scientific knowledge and promote technological innovation to **prevent and reduce** plastic pollution, including in the marine environment.~~

~~*OP3-Alt4.* Parties shall, within their capabilities, at the national, regional and international levels, cooperate in promoting and/or undertake relevant research, development, exchange of information and cooperation and sharing and disseminating information on plastic to improve understanding of the impacts of plastic pollution and advance scientific knowledge and promote technological innovation to reduce plastic pollution, including in the marine environment.~~

OP3 Alt.

1. Parties shall endeavor to advance scientific and technological research, development and innovation, including by:
 - a. Developing and implementing sustainable and circular plastics approaches and systems-wide solutions;
 - b. Enhancing understanding of environmental and human health impacts of plastic pollution and alternative solutions across the full life cycle;
 - c. Promoting and improving methods for the monitoring and modelling plastic pollution including its distribution and abundance in the environment;
 - d. Promoting the collaborative development and use of standardized methods and approaches for environmental data collection and analyses, to improve reliability and comparability; and
 - e. Incorporating indigenous knowledge and other cultural and socio-economic factors, as appropriate.

2. Such efforts should support and accelerate solutions across the plastics lifecycle and minimize unintended consequences.

Part IV.7 Alt.

7. Scientific Research, Development and Innovation

1. Parties shall endeavor to advance scientific and technological research, development and innovation, including by:
 - f. Developing and implementing sustainable and circular plastics approaches and systems-wide solutions;
 - g. Enhancing understanding of environmental and human health impacts of plastic pollution and alternative solutions across the full life cycle;
 - h. Promoting and improving methods for the monitoring and modelling plastic pollution including its distribution and abundance in the environment;
 - i. Promoting the collaborative development and use of standardized methods and approaches for environmental data collection and analyses, to improve reliability and comparability; and
 - j. Incorporating indigenous knowledge and other cultural and socio-economic factors, as appropriate.

2. Such efforts should support and accelerate solutions across the plastics lifecycle and minimize unintended consequences.

Part IV.6 and 7 Alt.

Alt-Article on Awareness-raising, education, and information exchange

(Composed of relevant parts of Sections IV.6 & IV.7)

1. Parties shall promote and facilitate public awareness-raising, education, and information exchange related to plastic pollution and its effects relevant to the implementation of this instrument* and shall promote, as appropriate, such efforts at the regional, national and international levels and cooperate, as appropriate, with relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.
2. Each Party shall promote and facilitate measures to raise awareness, improve understanding, and share information, such as:
 - e. Developing a communication and education strategy on the objective of the instrument*, involving [partners and] stakeholders, including educational and awareness-raising programmes and citizen campaigns.
 - f. Promoting public participation and public access to information;
 - g. Providing training at the national, regional and international levels, including exchange visits and specific dedicated training;
 - h. Promoting the inclusion of plastic pollution issues across curricula and practices in educational institutions;
3. Each party shall facilitate exchange of information relevant to the implementation of the instrument*, such as:
 - d. Best practices and policies on sustainable consumption and production;
 - e. Research, technologies, innovation, and green chemistry;
 - f. Knowledge, including Indigenous knowledge, inter alia, on environmentally sound waste management, sources of plastic pollution, human and fauna and flora exposure to plastic pollution, health and environmental impacts and the associated risk management and pollution reduction options.
4. Parties may exchange the information referred to in paragraph 3 directly, through to be maintained by the secretariat or in cooperation with other relevant international instruments and organizations, as appropriate.
5. Each Party shall designate a national focal point for the exchange of information under this *instrument**.
6. Parties are encouraged to learn from and build on existing ongoing processes, initiatives and networks to share knowledge, and highlight successes, including examples of replicating and scaling sustainable solutions.
7. Parties exchanging information pursuant to this *instrument** shall protect any confidential information as mutually agreed.

12. ~~[Partner and]~~ Stakeholder engagement

1. A multi-stakeholder action agenda¹² that promotes inclusive, representative and transparent actions and leverages efforts through existing bodies, partnerships and other initiatives is hereby established. The governing body*, at its first session, shall adopt the modalities for the action agenda.¹³

2. The purpose of the multi-stakeholder action agenda is to, among other things:

- f. Promote active and meaningful participation of ~~[Indigenous Peoples and]~~ [all] relevant ~~[partners and]~~ stakeholders ~~[including academia, Indigenous People and local community (IPLC), local government, and the youth][in particular women, youth and Indigenous Peoples & Local Communities, the informal sector and other vulnerable groups]~~ in the development and implementation of the instrument* and to accelerate ambitious action;

~~OP2.a Alt. Promote active and meaningful participation of all relevant stakeholders, in particular women, youth and Indigenous Peoples & Local Communities, the informal sector and other vulnerable groups, in the development and implementation of the instrument* and to accelerate ambitious action;~~

~~OP2.a Alt2. Promote active and meaningful participation of all relevant Indigenous Peoples and all relevant stakeholders in the development and implementation of the instrument and to accelerate ambitious action;~~

~~OP2.a Alt3. Promote active and meaningful participation of [all] relevant stakeholders, including workers and persons in vulnerable situations in the in working toward achieving the objectives of the instrument* and to accelerate ambitious action on plastic pollution;~~

~~OP2.a Alt4. Promote active and meaningful participation of all relevant partners and stakeholders in the development and implementation of the instrument* and to accelerate ambitious action;~~

~~OP2.a Alt5. Promote active and meaningful participation of all relevant stakeholders, including the academia, Indigenous People and local community (IPLC), local government, and the youth, in the development and implementation of the instrument* and to accelerate ambitious action;~~

~~OP2.a Alt6. Promote active and meaningful participation of all relevant partners and stakeholders in the development and implementation of the instrument* and to accelerate ambitious action;~~

- g. Provide a space for relevant ~~[partners and]~~ stakeholders ~~[who wish to do so to report][to share information]~~ on action taken in support of the achievement of the objective of this instrument*;

~~OP2.b Alt. Provide a space for relevant stakeholders to share information on action taken in support of the achievement of the objective of this instrument*;~~

- h. Promote ambitious action and cooperation at the local, national, regional and global levels;

~~OP2.c Alt. Support the mobilization of financial and technical resources from private sector stakeholders in support of the implementation of the instrument*;~~

- i. ~~[In coordination with Parties in their implementation of the instrument*, mobilize][Support the mobilization of]~~ financial and technical resources from ~~[private sector]~~ stakeholders, including public and private finance stakeholders ~~[in support of the implementation of the instrument];~~

~~OP2.d Alt. Support the mobilization of financial and technical resources from private sector stakeholders in support of the implementation of the instrument*;~~

¹² Note: The multi-stakeholder agenda could alternatively be launched through a decision of the committee as early as the committee's third session outside of this *instrument.

¹³ Note: Modalities of the agenda could be established by the governing body at its first session or alternatively be included in an annex to this instrument*.

- j. Share knowledge and highlight successes to replicate and scale sustainable [solutions, including in high-impact sectors and key thematic areas.]

~~OP2.e Alt. Share knowledge and highlight successes to replicate and scale sustainable.~~

OP2.# Alt. The purpose of the multi-stakeholder action agenda is to promote active and meaningful participation of all relevant stakeholders in the development and implementation of the instrument*, through share knowledge, opportunities and highlight successes to replicate and scale sustainable solutions.

- 3. Each Party shall [encourage relevant stakeholders to participate in the multi-stakeholder action agenda][incentivize an all-of-society approach to report through the multi-stakeholder action agenda on measures taken] towards the objective and targets of the instrument*.

~~OP3 Alt. Each Party shall encourage relevant stakeholders to participate in the multi-stakeholder action agenda toward supporting the achievement of the objective of the instrument*.~~

OP3 Bis. The multi-stakeholder action agenda shall include, inter alia, the informal recycling sector and waste pickers, local governments and all sectors of the plastic industry.

Part IV.8 Bis. Health aspects

1. Parties are encouraged to:

- a. Promote the development and implementation of strategies and programmes to identify and protect populations at risk, particularly vulnerable populations, and which may include adopting science-based health guidelines relating to the exposure to plastic pollution, in particular microplastics and related issues, setting targets for their exposure reduction, where appropriate, and public education, with the participation of public health and other involved sectors;
- b. Promote the development and implementation of science-based educational and preventive programmes on occupational exposure to plastic pollution, in particular microplastics and related issues;
- c. Promote appropriate health-care services for prevention, treatment and care for populations affected by the exposure to plastic pollution, in particular microplastics and related issues; and
- d. Establish and strengthen, as appropriate, the institutional and health professional capacities for the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and monitoring of health risks related to the exposure to plastic pollution, in particular microplastics and related issues.

2. The Conference of the Parties, in considering health-related issues or activities, should:

- a. Consult and collaborate with the World Health Organization, other relevant intergovernmental organizations, and other relevant stakeholders as appropriate; and
- b. Promote cooperation and exchange of information with the World Health Organization, and other relevant intergovernmental organizations, and other relevant stakeholders as appropriate.