

Recommendation of the International Alliance of Waste Pickers for the Just Transition Section

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We prefer Option 1 for the Just Transition section.

Our recommendations with respect to the specific text are provided in the form of the strikethrough, with additions in italics, bold and underlined.

In regard to 1, we recommend to merge OP-1 Alt-1 and Alt-2

Our recommended text: Each Party shall promote and facilitate a fair, equitable and inclusive transition for affected populations, with special consideration for *Indigenous Peoples, waste pickers*, women and vulnerable groups, including children and youth, in the implementation of this instrument*. ~~This may~~ ***shall*** include:

In regarding to 1a. we recommend merging OPI a Alt1, OPI a Alt 4 OPI a Alt 6

Our recommended text: Designating a national coordinating body for engagement with relevant stakeholders, including public authorities, *Indigenous Peoples, trade unions, workers associations*, non-governmental organizations and local communities *with the aim of data collection, monitoring, evaluation and national reporting on the progress of just transition*

In regard to 1b, Option 1 b Alt 3 is preferable

Our recommended text OPI b Alt 3 Enabling policies and conditions that integrate waste pickers and vulnerable groups in the plastics value chain and circular economy to improve income, opportunities and livelihoods for impacted communities, including workforce training, development and social programmes, enhancement of occupational health and safety measures according to their needs and priorities;

In regard to 1d, we recommend merging OPI d Alt 2, OP 1 d Alt 4

Our recommended text: ~~Promoting~~ ***Providing*** a clean, healthy and sustainable environment for communities and workers across the value chain, including *waste pickers and other workers in the waste management sector across the full lifecycle in respect of the promotion of fundamental human rights*

In regard to 1e, we recommend to merge OP 1 e Alt 1, 1 e Alt-4 and 1 e Alt-5

Our recommended text: Improving working conditions for workers in the waste management sector, *occupational safety and health, and social protection* including by providing legal recognition and

¹ https://wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/44066/CG1_Part_II_Mergers_12_JustTransition.docx

protection to waste pickers and other workers in informal and cooperative settings and facilitating the formalization of their associations or cooperatives; integrating them into local waste management systems.

In regard to 1f, OP 1 f Alt 1 is preferable

Our recommended text: *OP1 f Alt 1* Integrating waste pickers and other workers in informal and cooperative settings into a safe plastics value chain, including by requiring plastic product producers, recycling and waste management companies to integrate plastics collected and sorted by them into their operation schemes; and

In regard to 1g, OP 1 g Alt 2 is preferable

Our recommended text: *OP1 g Alt 2* requiring a portion of the fees collected through EPR schemes to be used to improve infrastructure and improve the livelihoods, a strong social safety net, and opportunities for, and develop the skills of, workers in the waste sector, including waste pickers and other workers in informal and cooperative settings.

In regard to 2. We recommend to retain the text.

Our recommended text:

2. The measures taken to implement this provision shall be reflected in the national plan communicated pursuant to [part IV.1 on national plans].

In regard to Op2 BIS, OP2 TER and OP2 QUART, all three of these additional paragraphs are agreeable, particularly OP2 BIS with the insertion of 'waste pickers', and strengthening the wording of OP2 TER

Our recommended text:

OP2 BIS Each Party ~~should~~ shall support policies to improve income, opportunities, and livelihoods for waste pickers and other affected workers and communities in the transition to more circular economies for plastics, considering the needs and priorities of waste pickers and other affected workers and communities.

OP2 TER Within its jurisdiction, each Party shall ~~encourage the consideration of~~ consider socio-economic factors in determining the location, design, and construction of solid waste management facilities that manage plastic waste, with an aim of avoiding disproportionate and adverse impacts on persons in vulnerable situations.

OP2 QUART Each Party shall, in accordance with its domestic procedures, provide opportunities for members of the public to provide input on government plastic waste management decisions or measures.