



Recommendation of the International Alliance of Waste Pickers (IAWP) for the Extended Producers Responsibility (EPR) and Waste Management Sections

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

7. EPR

In regards to Option 1, we recommend a merging of Option 1 and Option 1 Alt 1:

Our recommended text: Each Party shall establish and operate Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) systems, ~~including~~ based on the modalities contained in annex D,¹ to incentivize increased recyclability, ***repair, and reuse,*** promote higher recycling rates, and enhance the accountability of producers and importers for safe and environmentally sound management, of plastics and plastic products throughout their life cycle and across international supply chains.

In regards to paragraph 2, we prefer OP2 Alt 2 with additional text added

Our recommended text: **OP1 Alt 2** Parties shall, in implementing this provision, take into account how the measures taken would contribute to a just transition ***with special consideration of waste pickers and other workers in informal and cooperative settings.*** These measures shall be reflected in the national plan communicated pursuant to [part IV.1 on national plans]

9. Waste Management

In regards to subsection 9a, Option 1, paragraph 1, we recommend OPI Alt 4, with the addition of the term “sorting” as laid out below:

Our recommended text:

Each Party shall take effective measures to ensure that plastic waste is managed in a safe and environmentally sound manner throughout its life cycle, including handling, ***sorting,*** collection, transportation, storage, recycling and final disposal, taking into account the waste hierarchy.

In regards to subsection 9a. Option 1, paragraph 2, we recommend Option 1 OP2 Alt 1 with the following addition

¹ **Note:** The modalities in annex D would include elements for the establishment and operation of EPR systems based on common principles, including for sectoral approaches as relevant. For potential elements relating to modalities for EPR systems, as identified in Members' submissions to the committee's second session, see UNEP/PP/INC.2/INF/4, section III.A.

Our recommended text:

OP2 Alt 1. Each Party shall meet the requirements, where relevant through a sectoral approach, for safe and environmentally sound management of plastic waste, including through collection, recycling and disposal rates, set out in part I of annexe F, respecting relevant provisions and taking into account guidance and guidelines in other international agreements, including those developed under the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, the London Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter and its Protocol on the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, ***International Labour Organization (ILO) Recommendation 204 Transition from the Informal Economy to Formal Economy and ILO Guidelines for a just transition towards environmentally sustainable economies and societies for all.***

In regards to subsection 9a, Option 1, paragraph 3 we recommend that this option be merged with Option 2 Alt 3 which references the need for a just transition.

Our recommended text:

The governing body* shall adopt at its first session, and subsequently update as needed, guidelines on safe and environmentally sound management of plastic waste, taking into account the waste hierarchy and other relevant international guidelines and guidance, as appropriate, ***as well as the need for a just transition, including for waste pickers and other workers in informal and cooperative settings.***

In regards to subsection 9a, Option 1, paragraph 3 we welcome the additional paragraph OPI bis:

OPI bis. To implement the obligation pursuant to paragraph 1, each Party shall give priority/due consideration to establishing a basic effective social system at local level for handling, sorting, collection, transportation, storage, recycling and treatment of plastic wastes, which is indispensable to a safe and environmentally sound waste management and just transition.