

## Recommendations of the International Alliance of Waste Pickers

### Part II

#### 12. Just transition

Existing text	Recommendations	Revised text
<p><b>Option 1</b></p> <p>1. [Leaving no one behind,] Each Party shall [promote and facilitate] [cooperate to promote] [, as per national circumstances and capabilities and relevant national regulation,] a fair, equitable and inclusive transition [/pathways] for affected [populations] [Parties] [in the context of] [towards] sustainable development], with special consideration [to social and economic impacts] for [[affected] developing country Parties] [in line with the International Labour Organization Just Transition guidelines] [according to national social policies and circumstances ] [, in the implementation of this <i>instrument</i>*] [, provided that means of implementation are available for developing countries]. Responsible Parties shall provide sufficient finance, technology transfer and capacity building support [with the view to promote and facilitate the just transition of] [to affected] populations. This may include[, according to national circumstances]:</p> <p><b>OPI Alt.</b> In the implementation of this <i>instrument</i>*, each Party shall promote an equitable and inclusive transition for affected populations, with particular consideration for workers and [persons] [people] in vulnerable situations, within [its national jurisdiction; This may include:]</p>	<p><b>A. Option-1 is preferred.</b></p> <p><b>B. We prefer ‘promote and facilitate’ over ‘cooperate to promote.’</b></p> <p><b>C. We request the removal of point 3 and the reinstatement of the following text in the opening paragraph:</b> <i>for Indigenous Peoples and local communities, waste pickers and other workers in plastic value chain, women and vulnerable groups including impacted communities, children and youth, in the implementation of this instrument.</i></p> <p><b>D. We request that the following text needs to be reworked:</b> <i>“Developed country Parties shall provide sufficient finance, technology transfer and capacity building support [with the view to promote and facilitate the just transition of] [to affected] developing country Parties.”</i></p>	<p>Leaving no one behind, Each Party shall promote and facilitate a fair, equitable and inclusive transition for affected populations, with special consideration for Indigenous Peoples and local communities, waste pickers and other workers in plastic value chains or other workers in informal and cooperative settings, women and vulnerable groups, including impacted communities, children and youth, in the implementation of this instrument* in line with the International Labour Organization Just Transition Guidelines in the implementation of this instrument*. Parties shall provide sufficient finance, technology transfer and capacity building support with the view to promote and facilitate the just transition of affected populations. This may include:</p> <p>a. Designating a national coordinating body for engagement and collaboration with relevant stakeholders, including public authorities,</p>

<p>a. Designating a national coordinating [body] [mechanism] for engagement [and collaboration] with relevant stakeholders, including public authorities, [trade unions,] [workers association] [waste pickers,] non-governmental organizations[, Indigenous Peoples] and [local communities][and affected populations] [according to national regulations] [with the aim of data collection, monitoring, evaluation and national reporting on progress of just transition];</p> <p>b. Enabling policies [and conditions][that integrate][to [ensure and] improve [as appropriate] income, opportunities and livelihoods for] [waste pickers and other workers in plastic value chains and] [impacted] [affected workers and] communities, including workforce training, [development and social programmes, enhancement of occupational health and safety measures] [according] [considering] to their needs and priorities;</p> <p>c. Incentivizing the development of skills and job opportunities across the plastic value chain, including for the development of reuse, repair, waste collection and sorting;</p> <p>d. Promoting a [clean, healthy and sustainable] [safe working] environment [and a strong social safety net] [for communities and workers] across [the value chain, including [workers] in the waste management sector] [the full lifecycle in respect of the promotion of fundamental human rights];</p>	<p><b>and should read as:</b>  <i>Parties shall provide sufficient finance, technology transfer and capacity building support [with the view to promote and facilitate the just transition of affected populations.</i></p> <p><b>E. We request that on sub-point b. living income is preferred over ensure and improve and appropriate income.</b></p> <p><b>E. In sub-point g. we prefer requiring over encouraging.</b></p> <p><b>E. We request that point 2 should be retained and point 4 be deleted as it is repetition of point 2.</b></p>	<p>trade unions, workers association, waste pickers, non-governmental organizations, Indigenous Peoples and local communities and affected populations with the aim of data collection, monitoring, evaluation and national reporting on the progress of just transition;</p> <p>b. Enabling policies and conditions that <u>ensure reparation and a living income, opportunities and livelihoods for waste pickers and other workers in informal and cooperative settings</u> and impacted communities, including workforce training, development and social programmes, enhancement of occupational health and safety measures according to their needs and priorities;</p> <p>c. Incentivizing the development of skills and job opportunities across the plastic value chain, including for the development of reuse, repair, waste collection and sorting;</p> <p>d. Promoting a clean, healthy and sustainable safe working environment and a strong social safety net for communities and workers across the value chain, including workers in the waste management sector, in respect of the promotion of fundamental human rights;</p> <p>e. Improving working conditions, occupational safety and health, and social protection for waste pickers and other workers in the waste management sector, including by providing legal recognition and protection to waste pickers and</p>
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<p>e. [Improving working conditions [, occupational safety and health, and social protection] for [waste pickers and] workers] in the waste management sector [, including by providing legal recognition and protection to [waste pickers and other] [workers [and waste pickers]] in informal and cooperative settings and facilitating the formalization [of their associations or cooperatives [integrating them into local waste management systems]] [of their activities through appropriate socioeconomic integration measures]]];</p> <p>f. [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</p> <p>g. [[Requiring] [Encouraging] 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.]</p> <p>2. [The measures taken to implement this provision shall be reflected in the national plan [communicated pursuant to [Part IV.1 on national plans]]].</p> <p><b>OP2 bis</b> Each Party should support policies to improve income, opportunities, and</p>		<p>other workers in informal and cooperative settings, <u>through baseline research, universal registration and issuance of occupational identity cards</u> and facilitating the formalization of their associations or cooperatives integrating them into local waste management systems</p> <p>f. 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</p> <p>g. Requiring a portion of the fees collected through EPR schemes to be used to improve infrastructure and improve 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.</p> <p>2. The measures taken to implement this provision shall be reflected in the national plan communicated pursuant to Part IV.1 on national plans.</p> <p><b>OP2 bis</b> Each Party should support policies to improve income, opportunities, and livelihoods for affected workers and communities in the transition to more circular economies for plastics, considering the needs and priorities of affected workers and communities.</p>
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3. Each Party [could][shall] promote and facilitate a fair, equitable and inclusive transitions[/pathways for affected populations,] [[for [Indigenous Peoples] and [local communities],] [waste pickers [and other workers in [plastic] [waste] value chains]] [with special consideration for] women[ and vulnerable groups, including] [impacted communities] [,] children and youth, in the implementation of this *instrument*\* including by, inter alia, enhancing institutional arrangements, enabling policies and conditions to improve the opportunities, capabilities and livelihoods of affected communities.

4. [The measures taken to implement this provision might be reflected in the national plan.]

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