

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MEMBER STATES REGARDING THE REVISED ZERO DRAFT

*International Alliance of Waste Pickers Recommendations (IAWP) for the Member States
Participating in INC-4*

Key Recommendations:

1. Ensure that Just Transition is included in the preamble, scope and section on waste management, as well as in places where it already exists (like the EPR section)
2. Retain the mention of waste pickers throughout the text.
3. Include definitions for waste pickers, just transition, and workers in informal and cooperative settings.

We, at the International Alliance of Waste Pickers, representing 460,000 organized waste pickers across 34 countries, express our appreciation for the inclusion of terms such as "Just Transition," "Waste Pickers," "Workers in Informal and Cooperative Settings," and various provisions for our Just Transition in the Revised Zero Draft of the proposed legal instrument addressing plastic pollution. We recommend that member states remove the brackets on those provisions and ensure the mention of waste pickers, and workers in informal and cooperative settings be retained for the definitive version of the proposed legal instrument, along with measures outlined for ensuring a Just Transition.

In addition to the existing mentions and provisions, we recommend that waste pickers and other workers in informal and cooperative settings be listed in definitions. We seek universal and mandatory just transition measures undertaken by all member states for waste pickers and other workers in informal and cooperative settings around the world, using the International Labour Organization Guidelines on Just Transition¹.

We have provided detailed recommendations in Annexure-1 Amendments for the Revised Zero Draft. Suggested additions are *italicized and underlined*.

More information of IAWP at INC-4: <https://globalrec.org/inc4>

¹ Guidelines for a just transition towards environmentally sustainable economies and societies for all by International Labour Organization:

(Link:

https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/@ed_emp/@emp_ent/documents/publication/wcms_432859.pdf)

1. Preamble

(We welcome the mention of waste pickers and other workers in informal and cooperative settings in the preamble, recognizing us as key constituents of the proposed legal instrument)

Recognizing also the significant contribution made by waste pickers and other workers in informal and cooperative settings to the collecting, sorting and recycling of plastics in many countries.

3. Definition *(Option-1 is preferable. Removing brackets from the term "Just Transition" and utilizing the following for its definition)*

g. [Just Transition]: Just Transition is defined as ending plastic pollution in a way that is as fair and inclusive as possible to everyone concerned, creating decent work opportunities and leaving no one behind. It is based on making visible those already working at all stages of the plastic value chain, including waste pickers and other workers in informal and cooperative settings and recognizing their fundamental human dignity and their historic contribution. It involves maximizing the social and economic opportunities of ending plastic pollution, under the precautionary principle, while minimizing and carefully managing any challenges – including through effective social dialogue among all groups impacted, and respect for fundamental human rights. A plan for a just transition should build and improve upon systems developed by waste pickers. It should ensure better working conditions, social protection, training opportunities, and technological support. Additionally, it should promote job security for all workers along the plastic value chain, including waste pickers and those in informal or cooperative settings, as well as those impacted by plastic pollution. Its specific outworking will depend on local context and consultation. The just transition framework should emphasize supporting waste pickers and other workers who are most vulnerable to occupational disruption from waste management investment and climate change.

(Including the terms "waste pickers" and "other workers in informal and cooperative settings" and utilizing the following for defining the two terms)

ff. Waste Pickers:

Waste pickers can be described as people who participate (individually or collectively) in the collection, separation, sorting, transport, and sale of recyclable and reusable materials and products (paper, plastic, metal, glass, and other materials) in an informal or semi-formal capacity, as own-account workers, in a cooperative or social and solidarity economy setting.

and as workers who subsequently achieved formal work arrangements through their organizations.²

gg. Workers in Informal and Cooperative Settings:

Workers in Informal and Cooperative Settings, which include waste pickers and others in the plastic value chain who in law or in practice are not covered or are insufficiently covered by formal arrangements. Workers in informal and cooperative settings are not sufficiently recognized, registered, regulated or protected under labour legislation and social protection.³
The majority of these workers are self-employed. Many of them organize or coordinate themselves into democratic independent groups of waste pickers and other workers who collaborate to address their livelihood and social protection needs. These groups can be registered as cooperatives, unions, organizations, or associations, and the workers in these groups jointly own and/or democratically manage their enterprises.

5. Scope

Option 1 (*Option 1 is preferable*)

The scope should clearly reflect (material and territorial) the provisions of resolution 5/14 of the United Nations Environment Assembly, to end plastic pollution across the full life cycle of all plastics and addresses its effects on human health and the environment, including the marine environment, and to ensure just transition. To ensure the longevity of the instrument the timebound provision may not be included in the scope but could be incorporated in other provisions of the instrument where applicable.

PART-II

3. Problematic and avoidable plastic products, including short-lived and single-use plastic products and intentionally added microplastics (*Existing title is preferred*)

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a. Problematic [plastic products] ** and avoidable plastic products [and groups of	a. Problematic plastic products and avoidable plastic products and groups of

²Definition of waste pickers outlined by international waste pickers movement in the constitution of the International Alliance of Waste Pickers (Link: https://globalrec.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/international_alliance_waste_pickers_constitution-2022-english.pdf)

³ Adapted based on the International Labour Organization description of informal economy (Link: <https://www.ilo.org/global/topics/dw4sd/themes/informal-economy/lang--en/index.htm>)

<p>such products] **, including short-lived and single-use plastic products</p> <p><i>(Option 1 is preferred)</i></p> <p>1. Each Party shall [not allow][reduce] the production, sale, distribution, import or export of [the] plastic products[, including short-lived and single-use plastic products,] listed in part II[I] of annex B [after the dates specified for those products, and] identified based on criteria [and within the timeframe set out in the same] [provided alternatives or substitutes are available, accessible, affordable, and environmental-friendly] [set out in part I of] annex [B], except where the Party has a registered exemption for the relevant product(s) under part II of annex B pursuant to [Part II.4 on exemptions available to a Party upon request]. [This provision does not limit Parties' abilities to enact bans or adopt more ambitious criteria in addition to the criteria in part I of annex B.]</p>	<p>such products, including short-lived and single-use plastic products</p> <p>1. Each Party shall not allow the production, sale, distribution, import or export of the plastic products, including short-lived and single-use plastic products, listed in part II[I] of annex B after the dates specified for those products, and identified based on criteria and within the timeframe set out in the same, provided alternatives or substitutes are available, accessible, affordable, and environmental-friendly set out in part I of annex B, except where the Party has a registered exemption for the relevant product(s) under part II of annex B pursuant to Part II.4 on exemptions available to a Party upon request. This provision does not limit Parties' abilities to enact bans or adopt more ambitious criteria in addition to the criteria in part I of annex B. <u>Parties shall, in implementing this provision, take appropriate measures to facilitate a just transition.</u></p>
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5. Product design, composition and performance

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<p>b. [[Reduce,]** [reuse], [recycling,] refill and repair of plastics and][Circularity approaches for] plastic products</p> <p><u>Option 1</u></p> <p>1. Each Party shall, based on guidance to be adopted by the <i>governing body</i>* at its first session, take effective measures to</p>	<p>b. Reduce, reuse, recycling, refill and repair of plastics and circularity approaches for plastic products.</p> <p>1. Each Party shall, based on guidance to be adopted by the governing body* at its first session, take effective measures to promote the reduction, reuse, recycling, refill, repair, repurposing and refurbishment, as relevant,</p>

<p>promote [the reduction,] reuse, [recycling,] refill, repair, repurposing and refurbishment, as relevant, of plastics and plastic products produced within its territory and those available on its market, in particular through the implementation of reuse, [recycling,] refill and repair systems. [The <i>governing body</i>* shall issue harmonized standards for product reuse, recycling, repair and refurbishment.]</p>	<p>of plastics and plastic products, and reusable products made from other materials with a potential to replace plastic products, produced within its territory and those available on its market, in particular through the implementation of reuse, recycling, refill and repair systems. The governing body* shall issue harmonized standards for product reuse, recycling, repair and refurbishment. <u><i>Parties shall, in implementing this provision, take appropriate measures to facilitate a just transition for impacted workers, by providing opportunities for waste pickers and other workers in informal and cooperative settings.</i></u></p>
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c. Use of recycled plastic contents

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<p><u>Provision common for Options 1 to 4 above</u></p> <p>[2. Each Party [shall][should][based on national circumstances is encouraged to] take measures [to ensure that, where [needed][possible], [primary plastic][plastics used] in products is [replaced][complemented] by safe and environmentally sound recycled plastic content[, as applicable][, depending on the availability of technological solutions and means of implementation for developing countries]][, as appropriate to promote design, composition and performance of products that enable maximum recycled plastic content in the broadest number of</p>	<p><u>Provision common for Options 1 to 4 above</u></p> <p>2. Each Party shall take measures to ensure that, where primary plastics used in products is replaced by safe and environmentally sound recycled plastic content, as applicable, depending on the availability of technological solutions and means of implementation for developing countries, as appropriate to promote design, composition and performance of products that enable maximum recycled plastic content in the broadest number of applications possible in order to replace primary plastic in products, while addressing any safety concerns related to the recycled plastic content. The</p>

<p>applications possible in order to replace primary plastic in products, while addressing any safety concerns related to the recycled plastic content]. The measures taken to implement [this][the] provision[s] of this article] may include the use of [regulatory [and economic] instruments][, public procurement, [the establishment of extended producer responsibility schemes, as set out in part VII] or incentivizing changes in the supply chain [by investing in recycling system and infrastructure,]] and in consumer behaviour[[, among other measures,][through raising consumer awareness on sustainable consumption. The measures taken to implement this provision][and] shall][may] be reflected in the national plan communicated][pursuant to [Part IV.1 on national plans]][, according to national circumstances].]</p>	<p>measures taken to implement the provisions of this article may include the use of regulatory and economic instruments, public procurement, the establishment of extended producer responsibility schemes, as set out in part VII or incentivizing changes in the supply chain by investing in recycling system and infrastructure, <u>including prioritizing the sourcing of recyclable plastics from waste pickers</u>, and in consumer behaviour, among other measures, through raising consumer awareness on sustainable consumption. The measures taken to implement this provision and shall be reflected in the national plan communicated pursuant to Part IV.1 on national plans, according to national circumstances.</p>
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7. Extended Producers Responsibility *(Option 1 is preferred)*

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<p>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]] [The governing body* shall, at its first session, adopt modalities to inform the establishment of national EPR [systems] [schemes] and define their essential features, and to support their harmonization, taking into account how the measures taken would contribute to a just</p>	<p>2. Parties shall, in implementing this provision, take into account how the measures taken would contribute to a just transition <u>with special consideration for waste pickers</u>. The governing body* shall, at its first session, adopt modalities to inform the establishment of national EPR systems and define their essential features, and to support their harmonization, taking into account how the measures taken would</p>

transition.] These measures shall be reflected in the national plan communicated pursuant to [Part IV.1 on national plans].	contribute to a just transition. These measures shall be reflected in the national plan communicated pursuant to Part IV.1 on national plans.
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9. Waste management *(Option 1 is preferred)*

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<p>2. Each Party shall meet the requirements, [including]** where relevant through a sectoral approach, for [minimum] [safe and] environmentally sound [management of plastic waste, including through] [collection,] recycling and disposal rates[, set out in part I of annex F,] [taking into account][respecting][the waste hierarchy and other] relevant provisions[,][and taking into account] guidance and guidelines in [accordance with relevant arrangements under] other international agreements, [including those developed under][inter alia] the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal[, as appropriate][, 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][the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL) Annex V of the International Maritime Organization and the Bamako Convention on Hazardous Wastes].</p>	<p>2. Each Party shall meet the requirements, including 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 annex F, taking into account the waste hierarchy and other relevant provisions, and taking into account guidance and guidelines in accordance with relevant arrangements under other international agreements, including those developed under inter alia 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, the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL) Annex V of the International Maritime Organization and the Bamako Convention on Hazardous Wastes, as well as the need for a just transition, <i>including for</i></p>

	<u>waste pickers, by taking into account the ILO Guidelines on Just Transition.</u>
OP1 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 handing sorting, collection, transportation, storage, recycling and treatment of plastic wastes, which is indispensable to a safe and environmentally sound waste management and just transition.	OP1 bis. To implement the obligation pursuant to paragraph 1, each Party shall give priority/due consideration to establishing, <u>with the involvement of waste pickers and other workers in the informal and cooperative settings</u> , a basic effective social system at the local level for handling, sorting, collection, transportation, storage, recycling and treatment of plastic wastes, which is indispensable to safe and environmentally sound waste management and just transition.

11. Existing plastic pollution, including in the marine environment

Existing text	Revised text with suggested changes
<p>1. Parties [shall] [are encouraged] [will take actions and shall]</p> <p>c. [promote engagement of [all stakeholders, including,] [the] local and impacted [communities][population] [civil society,] waste pickers, workers associations, and trade unions and citizens][, non-governmental organization as well as the private sector,] in [safe and] environmentally sound [removal] ** [remediation] [activities].</p>	<p>1. Parties will take actions and shall.....:</p> <p>c. promote engagement of all stakeholders, including the local and <u>impacted</u> communities, civil society, <u>waste pickers, workers associations, trade unions</u> and citizens, non-governmental organization as well as the private sector in safe and environmentally sound removal, and remediation activities.</p>

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<p>4. The <i>governing body</i>* shall, at its first session, adopt:</p> <p>b. Guidance on best available techniques and best environmental practices, developed on the basis of best available science, [[including the] traditional knowledge, knowledge of Indigenous Peoples [’ accessed with their free, prior and informed consent,] and local knowledge systems including waste pickers] to address existing plastic pollution, with a view to ensuring the [effective mitigation and remediation measures, including] clean-up activities do not have potential for [negative] impacts on the environment, biodiversity and human health.</p>	<p>4. The governing body* shall, at its first session, adopt:</p> <p>b. Guidance on best available techniques and best environmental practices, developed on the basis of best available science, including the traditional knowledge, knowledge of Indigenous Peoples’ accessed with their free, prior and informed consent, and local knowledge systems including waste pickers to address existing plastic pollution, with a view to ensuring the effective mitigation and remediation measures, including clean-up activities do not have potential for negative impacts on the environment, biodiversity and human health.</p>

12. Just Transition *(Option-1 is preferable)*

Existing text	Revised text with suggested changes
<p>1. [Leaving no one behind,] Each Party shall promote and facilitate [, as per national circumstances and capabilities and relevant national regulation,] a fair, equitable and inclusive transition for affected populations, with special consideration for [for [Indigenous Peoples] and [local communities],] [waste pickers [and other workers in [plastic] [waste] value chains or 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</p>	<p>1. 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*This may include:</p>

<p>guidelines] [according to national social policies and circumstances] [, in the implementation of this instrument*] [, provided that means of implementation are available for developing countries]. This may include[, according to national circumstances]:</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 living [as appropriate] income, opportunities and livelihoods for] [waste pickers and other workers in plastic value chains informal and cooperative settings 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>a. Designating a national coordinating body 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 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</p>
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<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>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, through universal registration and issuance of occupational identity cards 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</p>	<p>protection for waste pickers and other workers in the waste management sector, including by providing legal recognition and protection to waste pickers and 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>
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<p>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>OP2 bis 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>	<p>OP2 bis 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, <u>with special considerations for waste pickers.</u></p>
<p>OP2 quater 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.</p>	<p>OP2 quater Each Party shall, in accordance with its domestic procedures, provide opportunities for members of the public <u>particularly, indigenous peoples, waste pickers, and other impacted workers and communities</u> to provide input on government plastic waste management decisions or measures.</p>

PART-III

1. Financing [mechanism [and resources]]

Existing text	Revised text with suggested changes
<p>1. Financing [mechanism [and resources]] (Option-0 is preferred)</p> <p>OP0: The overall effectiveness of implementation of this instrument* by developing country Parties will be related to the effectiveness of this article.</p>	<p>1. Financing mechanism and resources</p> <p>OP0: The overall effectiveness of implementation of this instrument* by Small Island and Developing States (SIDS) and Least Developed Countries (LDCs) Parties will be related to the effectiveness of this article.</p>

<p>1. [Parties][Each Party][shall][should][undertakes to] provide the necessary resources [within their capabilities] for national activities intended to implement this instrument* [as appropriate.][[in accordance with its national policies, priorities, plans and programmes]. Such resources may include domestic [funding through relevant policies, development strategies and national budgets] and [bilateral and multilateral] [international] funding, as well as facilitation of private sector [investment and contributions] [financing][, including voluntary contributions]] in the form of mandatory EPR service fees.</p>	<p>1. Each Party shall provide the necessary resources within their capabilities for national activities intended to implement this instrument*. Such resources may include domestic funding through relevant policies, development strategies and national budgets and bilateral and multilateral international funding, as well as facilitation of private sector investment and contributions in the form of mandatory EPR service fees.</p>
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2. Capacity-building, technical assistance and technology transfer

Existing text with changes	Revised text with suggested changes
<p>2. Capacity-building, technical assistance and technology transfer</p> <p>Alt title: Capacity-building, technical and scientific cooperation, technology transfer (<i>Alt Title is preferred</i>)</p> <p><i>OP3 Alt 2 (OP-3 Alt 2 is preferred)</i></p> <p>[3.] Technology [transfer]</p> <p>2. [Parties shall promote and facilitate the development, transfer [on mutually agreed terms], diffusion of and access to up to date [environmentally sound] technologies addressing plastic pollution [in an environmentally sound manner, including</p>	<p>2. Capacity-building, technical and scientific cooperation, technology transfer</p> <p>3. Technology transfer</p> <p>2. Parties shall promote and facilitate the development, transfer on mutually agreed terms, diffusion of and access to up to date environmentally sound technologies addressing plastic pollution in an environmentally sound manner, including those related to collecting, sorting, processing and recycling of plastic waste as well as those related to safe and sustainable alternatives and non-plastic substitutes. In implementing this provision, Parties shall</p>

<p>those related to collecting, sorting, processing and recycling of plastic waste as well as those related to safe and sustainable alternatives and non-plastic substitutes]. In implementing this provision, Parties shall promote and facilitate innovation and [inclusive] investment in pursuit of new technologies and innovative solutions and shall facilitate access to essential technologies, [including with respect to financial resources and] proprietary rights.]</p>	<p>promote and facilitate innovation and inclusive investment in pursuit of new technologies and innovative solutions and shall facilitate access to essential technologies, including with respect to financial resources and proprietary rights. <u><i>The parties shall ensure that waste pickers and other workers in informal and cooperative settings have access to investment, technological and skill upgradation.</i></u></p>
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PART IV

1. National Action Plans

Existing text with changes	Revised text with changes incorporated
<p>1.National [Action][Implementation]Plans]</p> <p>1. Each Party [shall][is encouraged to] develop and implement a national [action] plan [through domestic consultations, with binding actions, including quantitative and measurable targets, where appropriate] to [pursue its nationally determined objective of ending plastic pollution][fulfil its obligations] under this <i>instrument</i>* [and to achieve its objective(s)][in accordance with its capacities and as appropriate]. [Such plans should be prepared in light of different national circumstances and may follow a guidance to be adopted by the [governing body]*.][The national [action] plans [shall][should][might] be based on the</p>	<p>1. National Action Plans</p> <p>1. Each Party shall develop and implement a national action plan through domestic consultations, with binding actions, including quantitative and measurable targets, where appropriate to pursue its the nationally determined objective of ending plastic pollution to fulfil its obligations under this instrument*. Such plans should be prepared in light of different national circumstances and may follow guidance to be adopted by the governing body*. The national action plans shall be based on the modalities, guidelines and format in annex G which shall be flexible for adjustments to national realities and circumstances the impacts of plastic pollution on</p>

<p>[modalities, guidelines and] format in annex G [which shall be flexible for adjustments to national realities and circumstances [the impacts of plastic pollution on socio-economic, human health and environment]] and [to the extent possible] [shall][should][could] include [but not be limited to][at least][relevant][elements [necessary measures] related to [, which are not exhaustive]:]...</p> <p>...</p> <p>e. [Reduce, reuse, refill and repair of plastics and plastic products;]</p> <p>f. [Use of recycled plastic contents;]</p> <p>g. [Extended Producer Responsibility;]</p> <p>...</p> <p>l. [Just transition:]</p> <p>...</p> <p>r.[Promoting, encouraging and incorporating action by all stakeholders to address plastic pollution, including the private sector, informal plastics waste sector, waste pickers, Indigenous Peoples and local communities;]</p> <p>...</p>	<p>socio-economic, human health and environment and shall include but not be limited to...</p> <p>...</p> <p>e. Reduce, reuse, recycling, refill and repair of plastics and circularity approaches for plastic products.</p> <p>f. Use of recycled plastic contents;</p> <p>g. Extended Producer Responsibility;</p> <p>...</p> <p>i. Waste management including <u>waste pickers and other workers in the informal and cooperative settings</u></p> <p>...</p> <p>l. Just transition:</p> <p>...</p> <p>r. Promoting, encouraging and incorporating action by all stakeholders to address plastic pollution, including the private sector, waste pickers <u>and other workers in informal and cooperative settings</u>, Indigenous Peoples and local communities;</p> <p>...</p>
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6. Information exchange *(Existing title is preferred)*

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

<p>manner][on best practices and research and technologies][, including on:</p> <p>c. Knowledge, including [the traditional][Indigenous] knowledge [of Indigenous Peoples obtained with their free, prior and informed consent] [traditional knowledge, knowledge of Indigenous Peoples, and local knowledge systems, in line with free prior and informed consent] [and the knowledge of waste pickers and other workers in the informal and cooperative settings 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;</p>	<p>c. Knowledge, including the traditional knowledge of Indigenous Peoples obtained with their free, prior and informed consent and the knowledge of <i>waste pickers and other workers in informal and cooperative settings</i>, 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;</p>
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7. Awareness-raising, education and research [and development]

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<p>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:</p> <p>e. [Developing [regularly-updated and standardized] communication materials [regarding the health risks][on the health impacts] of plastic pollution, [and the</p>	<p>2. Each Party 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:</p> <p>e. Developing regularly updated and standardized communication materials on the health impacts of plastic pollution,</p>

importance of behavioural change as well as] potential alternatives [and the importance of behavioural change [and on just transition].]]	potential alternatives and the importance of behavioural change and on just transition.
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8. [Partner and] Stakeholder engagement

Existing text	Revised text suggested changes
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