

A roadmap towards an effective Global Plastics Treaty*

Part 1 of 2: A set of core obligations for all countries

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A Parties shall regulate **PLASTIC PRODUCTS, CHEMICALS USED IN PLASTIC PRODUCTS, AND PRODUCT DESIGN**, based on a common global approach, including timelines for implementation and potential exemptions

Art. 3 | Plastic products and chemicals: Establish an **initial list for global restrictions and phase-outs** to be included in an annex, and align on a set of clear criteria to identify additional products & chemicals to take measures on

Art. 5 | Product design: Agree on an obligation for parties to ensure that plastic products comply with **harmonised product design criteria**, including for priority plastic applications such as packaging, to be defined in dedicated annexes, and to be complemented by sector-specific guidance

Art. 3 | Environmental, health, socio-economic risks and impacts: Task a **scientific-technical review committee to conduct a comprehensive assessment** for specific categories of plastic products and chemicals used therein, and to recommend control measures

Art. 3+5 | Amendment of related annex(es): Adopt **global control measures, timelines for implementation and potential exemptions**, complemented by additional guidance for the national implementation of restrictions, phase outs, and criteria on product design, or other requirements

B Each party shall implement nationally determined measures to promote **SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION OF PLASTICS, CIRCULAR ECONOMY APPROACHES AND BETTER PLASTIC WASTE MANAGEMENT**

Art. 6+7 | Plastic production and consumption: Agree to **continuously improve national policies** to promote sustainable production and consumption of plastics, including with the aim to eliminate **releases of micro- and nanoplastics**

Art. 8 | Waste management: Agree to introduce or advance **targets and systems for the collection, reuse and recycling of plastic products** in each country, supported by effective and well-designed **Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) policies** and/or other economic instruments

Art. 9 | Existing pollution: Agree on an obligation for all parties to cooperate on **remediating existing plastic pollution**

Art. 6-9 | Adopt **quantitative and qualitative targets at the global level**, including **mandatory reporting on progress**, to guide national policies on sustainable production and consumption of plastics, reuse and recycling of plastic products, better plastic waste management, post-consumer recycled content (PCR), as well as prevention and remediation of plastic pollution

Programmes of work | Define priority categories of plastic products to develop **performance indicators** and **guidelines to ensure consistent implementation of sectoral approaches** across all relevant core obligations (Art. 3-9)

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Part 2 of 2: Enabling effective implementation

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C Each party shall develop **NATIONAL PLANS** containing policy actions and implementation measures, and provide regular **REPORTING ON PROGRESS** to inform the COP's **EFFECTIVENESS EVALUATION**

Art. 14 | National plans: Agree on key elements to inform **target setting, stakeholder engagement and monitoring of progress** at country level

Art. 15 | Reporting: Decide on the **format and periodicity for reporting** on the implementation of the core obligations

Art. 17 | Information exchange: Recognise the need to improve **transparency across the plastics value chain**, including through requirements to **assess and disclose information on corporate risks, impacts and dependencies** on plastic use

Art. 14 | National plans: Adopt **modalities and guidelines for their development**

Art. 16 | Effectiveness evaluation: Adopt **progress indicators** to inform future COP decisions

Art. 20 | Decision making: Ensure a swift **COP response to the effectiveness evaluation** by adjusting existing or adopting new targets, measures, programmes of work, or timelines for their implementation

D Parties shall cooperate on **IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT** through capacity building, resource mobilisation and finance, knowledge exchange and access to technology

Art. 11 | Finance: Agree on a strategy for **resource mobilisation**, and on a strong **financial mechanism**

Art. 12 | International cooperation: Agree to facilitate **access to knowledge and technology**, including dedicated support for **Micro, Small, and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs)**

Art. 11 | Finance: Adopt instruments to mobilise **public and private finance** to address priority issues identified by the COP

Art. 12 | International cooperation: Establish a **competence centre and a collaborative platform** to tackle key plastic waste management challenges in developing countries

E Each party shall promote a **JUST TRANSITION AND INCLUSIVE STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT**

Art. 10 | Just transition: Establish an obligation to engage with relevant stakeholders to **address plastic pollution in a way that is fair and inclusive to everyone concerned – workers, enterprises and communities** – in particular by advancing human rights, and creating decent work opportunities in the plastic value chain, and developing adequate mechanisms for the participation of waste pickers

Art. 10 | Just transition: Adopt **clearing house mechanism** to ensure that obligations and national plans are implemented in a fair and non-exclusionary manner, **including for waste pickers and workers in informal or cooperative settings**

Art. 17 | Information exchange: Establish a **platform for multi-stakeholder initiatives** to inform and support the development and implementation of **programmes of work**

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