

# A roadmap towards an effective Global Plastics Treaty\*

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

CRITICAL ELEMENTS	AMBITIOUS START INC-5 & initial treaty text	FOLLOW UP Work in interim period	STRENGTHEN OVER TIME COP decisions
<p><b>A</b> Parties shall cooperate to implement global targets and measures to address <b>PLASTIC PRODUCTS, CHEMICALS USED IN PLASTIC PRODUCTS, PRODUCT DESIGN, EMISSIONS AND RELEASES</b>, and agree on the conditions to register temporary exemptions against defined criteria</p>	<p><b>A1</b> Agree on <b>obligations to restrict or phase out problematic &amp; avoidable plastic products and chemicals of concern, and to improve product design</b>, based on common definitions and control measures, global criteria and possibly initial lists</p> <p><b>A2</b> Align on the need for <b>sector- or product-specific approaches to inform future COP decisions</b> on control measures and guidance, starting e.g. with packaging &amp; fishing gear</p>	<p><b>A3</b> Task a <b>standing committee or ad hoc scientific panel to assess environmental and health risks as well as socio-economic impacts</b> for specific chemicals and plastic products</p> <p><b>A4</b> <b>Prepare recommendations on sector- or product-specific control measures</b> and additional guidance for adoption by the Conference of the Parties (COP)</p>	<p><b>A5</b> <b>Review and amend criteria, assessment methodologies, lists and exemptions</b> for chemicals of concern, problematic and avoidable plastics products, as well as approaches to product design and means to minimise emissions and releases of micro- and nano-plastics</p> <p><b>A6</b> <b>Adopt additional decisions and guidance for the implementation</b> of global targets, restrictions, phase outs, or other regulatory requirements, including exemptions and differentiated timelines</p>
<p><b>B</b> Each party shall take measures to promote <b>SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION OF PLASTICS, CIRCULAR ECONOMY APPROACHES AND WASTE MANAGEMENT</b></p>	<p><b>B1</b> Mandate the COP to <b>develop global targets &amp; guidance</b>, and commit to <b>continuously improve national policies</b></p> <p><b>B2</b> Agree to <b>introduce or advance targets and systems for collection, reuse and recycling at the national level based on common definitions and key principles for Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) regulations, Deposit Return Systems (DRS) and other policy instruments</b></p> <p><b>B3</b> Agree on an obligation to cooperate on <b>remediating existing plastic pollution</b></p>	<p><b>B4</b> Prepare <b>recommendations for minimum requirements to improve national policies</b> to promote sustainable production and consumption, circular economy approaches and environmentally sound management of plastic waste</p> <p><b>B5</b> Engage with Plastic Pacts, National Plastic Action Partnerships, or similar groups to drive <b>collaboration between governments, authorities, industry and civil society</b>, ensuring sufficient support for implementation of practical solutions</p>	<p><b>B6</b> Adopt a <b>global set of quantitative and qualitative targets</b> to help strengthen national efforts over time, <b>addressing reduction, circulation, prevention and remediation</b>, as well as to develop infrastructure and solutions for waste management and existing plastic pollution</p> <p><b>B7</b> Adopt <b>minimum requirements and phased approaches, including on EPR and DRS</b>, to optimize national policy interventions, as well as <b>performance indicators</b> to address pollution levels</p>

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## Part 2 of 2: Enabling effective implementation

CRITICAL ELEMENTS	AMBITIOUS START INC-5 & initial treaty text	FOLLOW UP Work in interim period	STRENGTHEN OVER TIME COP decisions
<p><b>C</b> Each party shall establish <b>NATIONAL TARGETS AND IMPLEMENTATION PLANS</b> to support the treaty's objectives and <b>REPORT ON PROGRESS AND EFFECTIVENESS EVALUATION</b></p>	<p><b>C1</b> Align on <b>key elements and data needed</b> to inform target setting, timelines for implementation, monitoring and reporting at the national level</p> <p><b>C2</b> Recognise the need to improve <b>transparency across the plastics value chain</b>, for example through <b>disclosure obligations and reporting frameworks</b></p>	<p><b>C3</b> Prepare recommendations for an <b>effectiveness evaluation at the global level</b>, based on a <b>common framework for data collection that integrates harmonised corporate disclosures</b> on plastic-related risks, opportunities, impacts and dependencies</p>	<p><b>C4</b> Adopt <b>progress indicators</b> to inform the effectiveness evaluation</p> <p><b>C5</b> Adopt <b>policy responses to the effectiveness evaluation</b> (e.g. adjustments of targets, measures, timelines for implementation, dedicated programmes of work, exemptions)</p>
<p><b>D</b> Parties shall cooperate on <b>CAPACITY BUILDING, TECHNOLOGICAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT</b></p>	<p><b>D1</b> Agree to collaborate <b>access to knowledge and technology</b>, including support for <b>Micro, Small, and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs)</b></p> <p><b>D2</b> Align on the <b>establishment of a financial mechanism</b> under the treaty</p>	<p><b>D3</b> Develop <b>vocational and professional training</b> programmes</p> <p><b>D4</b> Identify <b>capacity and financing gaps</b>, as well as <b>priorities and plans for immediate support to countries most in need</b> in the transition phase</p>	<p><b>D5</b> Establish a <b>competence centre and a collaborative platform</b> to tackle key plastic waste management challenges</p> <p><b>D6</b> Adopt instruments to mobilise additional <b>public and private finance dedicated to address priority issues</b></p>
<p><b>E</b> Parties shall promote a <b>JUST TRANSITION AND INCLUSIVE STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT</b></p>	<p><b>E1</b> <b>Recognise the need for a just transition</b> by addressing plastic pollution in a way that is fair and inclusive to everyone concerned – <b>workers, enterprises and communities</b>, in particular by creating decent work opportunities in the value chain, including for waste pickers</p>	<p><b>E2</b> Conduct <b>national and local consultations with relevant stakeholders and affected communities</b>, e.g. on available alternative solutions and non-plastic substitutes, specific needs for a particular markets, legacy pollution, and other relevant local conditions</p>	<p><b>E3</b> Adopt <b>guidance to ensure that treaty obligations and national plans are implemented in a fair and non-exclusionary manner</b>, including for waste pickers and workers in informal or cooperative settings</p> <p><b>E4</b> Establish a <b>Multi Stakeholder Action Agenda</b> at the global level</p>

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