

A roadmap towards an effective Global Plastics Treaty*

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

CRITICAL ELEMENTS	START	STRENGTHEN	FOLLOW UP
	INC-5 & initial treaty text	Immediate priorities	COP decisions
<p>A Parties shall determine appropriate global targets and measures to address PLASTIC PRODUCTS, CHEMICALS USED IN PLASTIC PRODUCTS, PRODUCT DESIGN, EMISSIONS AND RELEASES, and agree on the conditions to register temporary exemptions against defined criteria</p>	<p>A1 Align on global definitions and control measures, based on criteria and possibly initial lists, including restrictions or phase-outs of problematic and avoidable plastic products and chemicals of concern, and general approaches to improve product design</p> <p>A2 Agree on dedicated programmes of work to inform future decisions at the Conference of the Parties (COP) on control measures and guidance targeting specific plastic applications, starting e.g. with packaging and fishing gear</p>	<p>A3 Task a standing committee or ad hoc scientific panel to assess environmental and health risks as well as socio-economic impacts for specific chemicals and plastic products</p> <p>A4 Prepare recommendations on additional control measures for decision at the COP</p>	<p>A5 Review and amend criteria, assessment methodologies, lists and exemptions for chemicals of concern, problematic and avoidable plastics products, as well as approaches to product design and other means to minimise emissions and releases of micro- and nano-plastics</p> <p>A6 Adopt additional control measures and guidance for the implementation of global targets, restrictions, phase outs, design or information requirements, exemptions and differentiated timelines</p>
<p>B Each party shall take the necessary measures to promote SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION OF PLASTICS, CIRCULAR ECONOMY APPROACHES AND WASTE MANAGEMENT</p>	<p>B1 Establish a national baseline of existing legislation and/or voluntary initiatives already in place</p> <p>B2 Agree to 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</p> <p>B3 Collaborate to identify, prioritise and remediate legacy pollution</p>	<p>B4 Prepare recommendations for minimum requirements to improve national policies to promote sustainable production and consumption, circular economy approaches and environmentally sound management of plastic waste</p> <p>B5 Engage with Plastic Pacts, National Plastic Action Partnerships, or similar groups to drive collaboration between governments, authorities, industry and civil society, ensuring sufficient support for implementation of practical solutions</p>	<p>B6 Adopt a global set of quantitative and qualitative targets to strengthen national efforts over time, addressing reduction, circulation, prevention and remediation, as well as to develop infrastructure and solutions for waste management and legacy pollution</p> <p>B7 Adopt minimum requirements and phased approaches, including on EPR and DRS, to optimize national policy interventions, as well as performance indicators to address pollution levels</p>

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Part 2 of 2: Enabling effective implementation

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

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