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ABOUT:

To align with the Membership's goal of creating a more concise, action-oriented Pact for the Future, [Rev.1](#) was issued on May 14, 2024 (see ICH bulletin [#35](#) for a comparison with the Zero Draft). [Rev.2](#) followed on July 17, 2024 (see ICH bulletin [#46](#) for a comparison with Rev.1), and [Rev.3](#) on August 27, 2024 (see ICH bulletin [#54](#) for a comparison with Rev.2). The most recent revision, [Rev.4](#), was released on September 13, 2024. This bulletin focuses on Chapter 3: Science, Technology, and Innovation and Digital Cooperation, offering insights into the differences between Rev.3 and Rev.4.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In the latest revision, Rev.4 introduces several significant updates compared to Rev.3. The terms for technology transfer have been clarified to specify that environmentally sound technologies should be transferred to developing countries on **more favorable terms, including concessional and preferential conditions**, making them more advantageous and affordable. Action 32 related to **Intellectual property rights** has been removed from the Rev.4. The language for including vulnerable populations has been refined for greater inclusivity, changing "persons in vulnerable situations" to "**those in vulnerable situations**" while preserving the commitment to their meaningful participation in science, technology, and innovation. Additionally, Rev.4 reorders the listed groups, placing **local communities** first, followed by traditional afro-descendant populations and Indigenous Peoples. An additional phrase, "**as appropriate,**" has been included in Rev.4, reflecting a more nuanced approach to science, technology, and innovation.

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HEADLINES:

- **Technology Transfer Terms:**
 - Rev.3, Paragraph 55: Mentions the transfer of "environmentally sound technologies to developing countries on mutually agreed terms."
 - Rev.4, Paragraph 55: Modifies this to "environmentally sound technologies to developing countries on **favourable terms, including on concessional and preferential terms**, as mutually agreed." This clarifies and strengthens the conditions, emphasizing more advantageous and affordable terms.
- **Intellectual Property Rights:**
 - Rev.4: Action 32 and Paragraph 56 from Rev.3 have been completely removed, indicating a shift away from a focus on intellectual property rights in the updated draft.
- **Participation of Vulnerable Populations:**
 - Rev.3 (c): "Ensure that persons in vulnerable situations benefit from and fully and meaningfully participate in the development and application of science, technology and innovation."
 - Rev.4 (c): Updated to "Ensure that **those in vulnerable situations** benefit from and fully and meaningfully participate in the development and application of science, technology and innovation," with a minor change in wording for inclusivity.
- **Order of Listed Groups:**
 - Rev.3: Lists Indigenous Peoples first, followed by local communities and traditional afro-descendant populations.
 - Rev.4: Reorders to list **local communities first**, followed by traditional afro-descendant populations and then Indigenous Peoples.
- **Additional Phrase:**
 - Rev.4: Includes the phrase "**as appropriate**" at the end of statements related to science, technology, and innovation, which is not present in Rev.3.

METHODOLOGY:

This bulletin will focus on Chapter 3, comparing Rev.3 and Rev.4. It will identify key terminology and language changes that were removed, modified, maintained, or added in the specific actions of Rev.4. The table will have 3 columns: the first column will display the Rev.3 content, the second will show Rev.4 content, and the third column will include the author's observations on content changes between Rev.3 and Rev.4. Additionally, in the 'Author's Observations' column, it explains the content's journey from Rev.3 to Rev.4, detailing whether content was maintained, modified, removed, or added. New or revised content in Rev.4 is highlighted in **Yellow**, while content removed is marked in **Red** for reference.

RESOURCES:

1. [Rev.4 of the Pact of the Future](#)
2. [Rev.3 of the Pact of the Future](#)
3. [Rev.2 of the Pact of the Future](#)
4. [Rev.1 of the Pact of the Future](#)
5. [Zero draft of the Pact for the Future](#)