The role of trade measures in the future instrument: challenges and opportunities

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Ending Plastic Pollution Requires Trade-related Interventions

...across the life cycle

...using a systems change approach to transform global value chains

- Reduce
- Eliminate
- Restrict
- Design & Manufacture
- Substitute
- Reuse & Reuse Systems
- Repair
- Recycle
- Safe Disposal
- Safe Management

...and cooperation on a variety of trade & trade-related policy tools

- Bans
- Restriction Measures
- Regulatory Cooperation
- Fees or Taxes
- Standards
- Trade Promotion
- Trade Facilitation
- Customs
- Subsidies reform
- Government procurement
- Transparency & reporting
- Non-party trade measures
Sample of Pathways for Trade Cooperation on Plastic Pollution

**MEAS**
- Global Plastics Treaty
- Basel & Stockholm Conventions

**Range of International Organizations & Processes**
- WTO Dialogue on Plastics Pollution
- UNCTAD
- World Customs Organization
- International Organization on Standardization
- International Maritime Organization
- Interpol & UN Office on Drugs & Crime
- Regional organisations and processes
- OECD
Sample of Potential Trade-related Elements in Plastics Treaty

- Reducing overall supply of primary plastic polymers to sustainable levels.
  - Binding obligations to control the production, import and export of primary plastic polymers & trade with non-parties

- Eliminating & restricting unnecessary, avoidable, problematic plastics harmful to health & environment
  - Binding obligations that restrict, prohibit or control the production, import and export of certain primary plastics polymers, precursors, chemical additives, plastic products and wastes & trade with non-parties

- Regulating plastic products placed on the market
  - Global rules -- only plastic products adhering to agreed criteria produced, imported, exported and put on the market

- Promoting sustainable production & consumption, & safe circularity
  - International cooperation on criteria, targets & standards to drive systems change across global value chains

- Promoting transparency in production and trade
  - Of data on quantities of plastics, materials, chemical and products
  - Of material composition of products and materials that cross borders
  - Traceability and labelling across plastics value chains
Thank you!

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Poor transparency trade flows across plastics life cycle

Missing data on:

- plastic packaging integral to packaged products
- share of embedded plastics in products
- packaging used for transportation & distribution

Limited detail, poor differentiation on:

- primary plastics by polymer & feedstock
- chemical additives
- single-use plastics of high environmental concern
- material composition of plastic products & waste
- plastic wastes