Enhancing Transparency and Traceability of Sustainable Value Chains in the Garment and Footwear Sector

Minutes

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Agenda item	Discussion	Comments / Status	Action/Decision
11. Progress - Draft Policy Recommendation (Part I) Highlights from experts' consultation, Maria Teresa Pisani	Update on the main developments in the Policy Recommendation, Part I: inclusion of a specific reference to the global instruments the project is aligned with in the <i>Introduction</i> . The <i>Target audience</i> was complemented to include multi-stakeholder actors. In addition to the <i>Benefits</i> entailed by enhancing transparency and traceability, the text now also draws upon the <i>Challenges</i> . The issue of governance and trust in regard to data sharing will be further developed in the Guidelines (Part II, Policy Recommendation). It also elaborates more on the need to do a risk-assessment of the unintended consequences resulting from traceability that could be harmful for vulnerable groups. The risk-based approach is encouraged, and the Guidelines, Part II will go more in depth into the conduct of a risk	of commerce to the list of stakeholders (next to "industry peers & business associations"), as they can play a supporting role in the dissemination of the project's deliverables through their networks to increase confidence and reliability in the value chains. Consider also adding the ICC. Consider replacing "disadvantaged" by	 Add public procurement criteria under the recommendation about financial incentives. Continue addressing the comments sent by the experts for the Policy Recommendation, Part I and the Guidelines, Part II of the Policy Recommendation. Experts are invited to: Suggest inputs for the definition of





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Timeline Policy Recommendation – Milestones	analysis, although there will be no provision of a risk map, as it goes beyond the project's scope. A targeted recommendation delves into the importance of consumer awareness and education, and the need to map out all the key information entities throughout the value chain (party, components, from raw material extraction and processing to consumption and end-of-life activities). 2020 - June-September informal review subgroup (end September final drafts Part I and Part II, Call for Action, Annexes) - October final drafts for public review (intergovernmental UN/CEFACT Open Development Process) 2021 - January: Publication (EN, FR, RU) - April 19-20: Discussion and adoption during UN/CEFACT Plenary	Reference documents: - Presentation "Background presentation for the meeting 26.06.2020"; - Minutes Meeting #4 29 June 2020; Policy Recommendation (Part I) - Annex 4. Call for Action template (drafts April 2020) - Stakeholders Ecosystem Report and Annex 1. Stakeholders in the Garment and Footwear Sector (drafts April 2020); - Mapping of supporting policies, regulations and legislation for the	paragraph referring to special attention for certain groups. Suggest how requirements sustainable personation for the meeting foods and sesentation for the meeting foods and foods are sustainable personation for the meeting foods and foods are sustainable personated for the meeting foods are sustainable personated for the Policy Research the Guideline foods are sustainable personated for the Policy Research the Guideline for the Policy Research the Guideline foods are sustainable personated for the Policy Research the Guideline foods are sustainable personated for the Policy Research the Guideline for the Policy Research the Policy Research the Guideline for the Policy Research the Policy Research the Guideline for	implementation, Part II of the Policy Recommendation (<u>CUE Space</u>) and send inputs and suggestions to the
Deep dive on section E – Recommendation Virginia Cram Martos	In depth presentation of the set of 9 core recommendations in the section E to achieve transparency and traceability goals for norms and standards, incentives, R&D for technology, consumer awareness and education and multi-stakeholder initiatives. In order to take stock of the 9 recommendations, please refer to the draft Policy Recommendation, Part I circulated by email and available on the <i>CUE Space</i>).	Policy Recommendation (draft April 2020) (<u>CUE Space</u>)		

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2. Update - draft Annex 4 Call for Action - highlights from experts' consultation Francesca Romana Rinaldi	The Call for Action aims at accelerating the progress to enhancing transparency and traceability for sustainable value chains in garment and footwear. The document has been revised integrating the suggestions from the experts as follows: • Temporality of the action (ongoing/planned) • Measurable impact • Type of initiative (public, private, public-private foundation, association, CSO) • Expected benefits and impacts The idea of having KPIs against each stakeholder involved in the Call for Action is still being assessed.	 The secretariat will organize a dedicated discussion in September around the possibility to have KPIs for the Call for Action. Experts are invited to: provide suggestions and guidance on how actions and commitments could be formulated in the Call for Action. provide suggestions on the monitoring and reporting mechanisms for the Call for Action;
3. Stakeholders' ecosystem mapping - highlights from experts' consultation Olga Kharitonova	Update on the main revisions applied in the Stakeholders' Ecosystem Mapping report based on the inputs received from the experts: • Prevailing the use of "value" rather than "supply" chain • Chemical suppliers' subcategory kept in Extended Enterprise • Technology providers' subcategory moved to Extended Enterprise • Consumer associations' subcategory added to Wider Business Ecosystem • New stakeholders added in, in the Annex thanks to the experts' inputs.	The secretariat will keep addressing the comments received from the experts and accordingly, updating the Stakeholders' Ecosystem Mapping report.
4. Next steps and experts' subgroup input Maria Teresa Pisani	 Meeting #6 Sub-groups mid-September 2020 at 15:30 CET (WebEx teleconferent Virtual Policy Dialogue or Physical meeting in the Palais des Nations in November 	· · ·

