

Annex 4

Template

Voluntary commitments to the UNECE Call for Action for Enhancing Transparency and Traceability of Sustainable Value Chains in Garment and Footwear

1. The template below should be used to submit commitments by countries and organizations, both public and private,^a to the UNECE Call for Action for Traceability, Transparency and Sustainability (CA-TTS) in Garment and Footwear.

Introduction

2. When identifying actions to include in a voluntary commitment for increasing traceability and transparency in value chains, the following criteria should be used.

3. The action should result in one of the following:

- (a) Enhanced visibility of compliance with sustainability requirements by industry actors/partners along the entire value chain;
- (b) Enhanced traceability of product/materials attributes along the value chain, including origin, quality, sustainability performance, and compliance with health & safety requirements for consumers and workers (social/environmental/ethical);
- (c) A measurable impact on sustainability in value chains over time;
- (d) Increased environmental and socially responsible consumption and production patterns that may be relevant to and inspire other countries and industry actors/partners.

4. The proposed action can include a mixture of new and ongoing measures.

Traceability, is understood as “the ability to trace the history, application or location of an object” in a supply chain (ISO, 2015). In this context, it is defined as the ability to “identify and trace the history, application, location and distribution of products, parts and materials, to ensure the reliability of sustainability claims, in the areas of human rights, labour (including health and safety), the environment and anti-corruption” (UN Global Compact 2014); and “the process by which enterprises track materials and products and the conditions in which they were produced through the supply chain” (OECD, 2017).

Transparency, relates directly to relevant information been made available to all elements of the value chain in a standardized way, which allows common understanding, accessibility, clarity and comparison (EC 2017).

Sustainability, in this context, is understood as the manufacturing, marketing and use of garment, footwear and accessories, and its parts and components, taking into account the environmental, health, human rights and socio-economic impacts, and their continuous improvement through all stages of the product’s life cycle (UNECE 2018).

Due diligence is an ongoing, proactive and reactive process through which enterprises can prevent and mitigate adverse impacts related to human rights, labour rights, environmental protection, and bribery and corruption in their own operations and in their supply chains (OECD 2017).

^a Organizations, both private and public, are invited to submit actions by completing the fields of the template, as appropriate.

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Country, Organization/Company			
Mailing Address, including country			
Main Contact for Country, Organization/Company	First and LAST name	Telephone	E-mail address
ACTION 1 (same table to be used for additional actions)			
Title of Action			
Description of Action		Type of Action (check all applicable)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Traceability <input type="checkbox"/> Transparency <input type="checkbox"/> Legal, regulatory and policy instruments <input type="checkbox"/> Standards <input type="checkbox"/> Economic and fiscal instruments <input type="checkbox"/> Business management instruments <input type="checkbox"/> Information, education-based, capacity-building and voluntary instruments <input type="checkbox"/> Collaborative initiatives <input type="checkbox"/> Other, describe _____	
Scope of the action including a description of the value chain processes that are covered			
Timeframe and/or milestones for the action, as appropriate			
Reference instruments and sources (including relevant standards and certification schemes), as appropriate			
Expected benefits and impact			

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Key performance indicator			
Partners			
Contact point for this action (If different from the main contact)	First and LAST Name	Telephone	E-mail address
Other Comments			

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