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## MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The Directors**  
Biodiversity Management Bureau  
Environmental Management Bureau  
Forest Management Bureau  
Ecosystem Research Development Bureau  
Mines and Geosciences Bureau  
Climate Change Service

FROM : **The OIC Director**  
Policy and Planning Service

SUBJECT : **UPDATES ON THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND ENVIRONMENT (CTE) MEETING**

DATE : **14 APR 2023**

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This has reference to the letter from the Department of Trade and Industry requesting the Department's comments/inputs on the report from the Philippine Mission to the World Trade Organization (WTO-PM) in Geneva, regarding the outcomes of the Committee on Trade and Environment (CTE) meeting held on 14-15 March 2023 (ZWTO-100-2023 dated 30 March 2023), which we circulated to your respective offices via electronic mail on 05 April 2023.

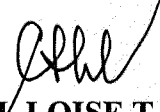
The report entails updates on the issues that were discussed during the CTE Meeting namely: the EU Green Deal, Dialogue on Plastics Pollution, Outcomes of the COP27, WTO Environment Database (EDB), COP 15 of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), and Discussion on possible CTE and environment-related outcomes at MC13, among others. For your reference, the report may be accessed through this link: <https://bit.ly/3myuP3e>.

Relatedly, with the increased prominence of the trade and environment agenda within the WTO, the WTO Members are also supporting a "positive" trade and environment agenda that focuses on best practice guidelines, harmonization of measures, and facilitative measures to support trade and investments in green goods, services, and technologies.

In this regard, may kindly request the Bureaus to provide information on domestic policy developments including on green procurement, relevant environmental-related control measures, and local research and studies on carbon pricing and carbon offsets or green subsidies. We would greatly appreciate receiving an advance copy of your response/updates on

or before 26 April 2023 through the following email address: psddivision@gmail.com, copy furnished policy@denr.gov.ph.

For your information and appropriate action, please.



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