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MEMORANDUM

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

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

SUBJECT : **SMALL GROUP MEETING ON TRADE AND ENVIRONMENT**

DATE : **19 APR 2023**

This pertains to the letter from the Department of Trade and Industry dated 14 April 2023 inviting the Department to attend the Small Group Meeting (SGM) on Trade and Environment to be held on 24 April 2023 at 2:00 PM via Zoom.

In this regard, we would like to extend the invitation to your respective offices. The meeting will include discussions on the updates on Trade and Environment in the WTO, Trade and Sustainability Initiatives, and Trade-Related Environment Measures particularly the EU Green Deal, Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), and Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Act. Enclosed is the provisional agenda, for your reference.

Likewise, the DTI also invited the Department to provide a 10-15 minutes presentation on the updates on the implementation of the recently signed Implementing Rules and Regulation (IRR) of the EPR Act. Hence, may we request the Environment Management Bureau (EMB) to nominate a resource person/s to provide a brief update on the implementation of the EPR.

Meeting representatives may register on or before **21 April 2023** through this link: <https://bit.ly/3KsZir9>. Zoom details will be provided immediately after registration. In the meantime, while waiting for the reference documents/materials to be provided by the DTI, the Bureaus may review the report provided by the Permanent Mission to the World Trade Organization (ZWTO-100-2023 dated 30 March 2023), which we have transmitted to your respective offices via electronic mail on 05 April 2023.

We would greatly appreciate receiving an advance copy of your nomination/responses on or before 20 April 2023 through the following email address: psddivision@gmail.com, copy furnished policy@denr.gov.ph.

For your information and appropriate action, please.



CHERYL LOISE T. LEAL

14 April 2023

(Please see Distribution List)

Dear Sir/Madame:

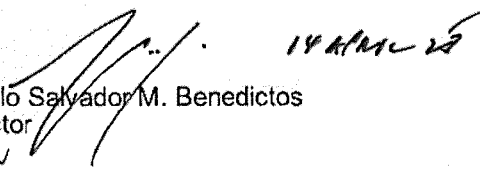
May we invite you and/or your duly designated representatives to the **Small Group Meeting on Trade and Environment** to be held on **24 April 2023 at 2:00 pm via Zoom**. The provisional agenda for the meeting is attached, for your reference.

Meeting representatives may register on or before 21 April 2023 through this link: <https://bit.ly/3KsZir9>. Zoom details will be provided immediately after registration. The reference documents/materials will be provided prior to the meeting. We encourage meeting representatives to review the relevant materials ahead of the meeting to ensure an effective and productive meeting.

For queries and clarifications, you may contact the Secretariat of the TRM Technical Committee on WTO Matters (TCWM) through RaissaFaminial@dti.gov.ph, ShairaSteffanyGranada@dti.gov.ph and KareenHopeEltagon@dti.gov.ph.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


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Director

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Assistant Secretary Allan B. Gepty, DTI-IDTPG

BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE RELATIONS

Small Group Meeting on Trade and Environment

24 April 2023; 2:00 pm
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Provisional Agenda

I	Opening Remarks and Adoption of the Agenda
II	Trade and Environment in the WTO <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Geneva WTO-PM to provide a background and updates on the following:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a) WTO Trade and Environment Committeeb) History of negotiations on trade and the environment including Environmental Goods Agreement (EGA)
III	Trade and Sustainability Initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Geneva WTO-PM to provide a background and updates on the trade and sustainability initiatives in the WTO<ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Dialogue on Plastics Pollution and Environmentally Sustainable Plastics Trade (DPP)b) Trade and Environmental Sustainability Structured Discussions (TESSD)c) Fossil Fuel Subsidy Reform (FFSR)
IV	Trade Related Environment Measures <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Geneva WTO-PM to provide a background and updates on trade-related environment measures discussed in WTO<ol style="list-style-type: none">a) EU Green Dealb) Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanismc) Carbon pricing standards• Member agencies to provide updates on national regulations and policies<ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Extended Producer Responsibility Actb) Regulatory reform on renewable energyc) Green procurement guidelines
V	Coalition of Trade Ministers on Climate <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Geneva WTO-PM to provide background and updates on the Philippines' participation in the Coalition of Trade Ministers on Climate
VI	Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Vice Yu to provide updates on the Mission-funded study entitled "<i>Advancing the Philippines' Environment and Sustainability Goals: Opportunities, Challenges and Ways Forward</i>"• Geneva WTO-PM and BITR to brief on the proposed establishment of the TCWM Technical Working Group on Trade and Environment
VII	Other Matters