**Australia’s intervention on Part II.10 Trade**

Australia co-convenes the WTO Informal Dialogue on Plastic Pollution with our distinguished colleagues from Barbados, China, Ecuador, Fiji and Morocco. Through surveys and discussions in the DPP, we know that 85 WTO Members have established over 220 new trade related measures in recent years to try and prevent plastic pollution.

This shows we already have an incredibly complicated trade environment, and this complexity makes it hard to realise good environmental outcomes. Under business-as-usual, this trade environment will only become more complex.

We need common global trade rules to simplify the trade environment. We need common global trade rules to realise efficiencies and ensure global protection from the most harmful and polluting plastics.

These common trade rules need to be established and implemented through this legally binding instrument so they can give effect to the instrument’s other proposed provisions, such as on chemicals of concern in plastics, and problematic and avoidable plastics.

We note it is very common for MEAs to include binding provisions on trade. Our preference is for negotiations to continue using Option 1, sub-option 1 as the basis.