10. a. Trade [in listed chemicals[, polymers] and products, and in plastic waste][related measures]

Thank you co-facilitator,

Turkish delegation considers that it would be more useful for this section to focus on how trade procedures will be carried out within the scope of measures adopted by countries than to address bans or restrictions on trade in products. In this context, we believe that it would be beneficial to change the subtitle to "Procedures for measures related with trade".

On the other hand, it would be advantageous to employ a more tempered language, signaling gradual transitions rather than employing assertive statements regarding product trade such as “shall not export” or “shall not import”. After all, we think that regulations on products which Parties are supposed to regulate may be discussed only after the determination of the product list with a scientific approach.

Additionally, it is deemed beneficial, as a general approach, to determine restrictions on relevant products in accordance with the principle of proportionality, within national priorities, so as not to disrupt raw material supply chains.

Within this context, we assess that a special emphasis should be put on national priorities and national plans and those should be communicated prior to their implementation. We are of the opinion that the measures should bring a feasible and acceptable transition period in order to provide sufficient time for the Parties. Also we evaluate that the measures to be taken should not serve as a form of arbitrary or unjustifiable discrimination nor should they be construed as covert impediments to international trade and specially developing countries’ exports.

On the other hand, it is noteworthy that we currently benefit from a well-established multilateral mechanism governing trade in goods, namely the WTO.

Given our comments so far, we consider that the most appropriate option for us is the suboption-3 with a reference to WTO and an additional reference to the other existing multilateral conventions.

Thank you,