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an international legally binding instrument on plastic
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Information submitted by the Secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

Note by the secretariat

1. The Secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) has submitted the following information that could be of relevance to the intergovernmental negotiating committee:
 - (a) Report on the pressing case for natural and environmentally friendly substitutes to plastics, including a mapping of 282 Harmonized System (HS) codes of potential natural-based material substitutes, corresponding to global exports of USD 388 billion in 2020, available at [link](#);
 - (b) Statistics on global plastics trade, which reached USD 1.2 trillion in 2021 and is based on UNCTAD plastics trade database (UNCTAD Stats), available at [link](#);
 - (c) Factual summary of discussions of the UNCTAD-WTO Workshop on Sustainable and Effective Substitutes and Alternatives for Plastics organized on 06 December 2022, available at [link](#);
 - (d) Illustrative table of trade control and mitigation measures across the plastics value chain (at the border and in internal markets), available at [link](#);
 - (e) Trade and Environment Review 2023: “Building a sustainable oceans economy” with specific analysis and recommendations made at the 4th Oceans Forum on Trade related aspects of SDG 14 in relation to plastic substitutes and the potential of seaweed-based materials, available at [link](#);
 - (f) Trade and Pollution Dashboard with illustrative comparisons between products made of plastics and substitute materials, using life cycle analysis, available at [link](#).