

Update on work of International Expert Group on principles for consideration in the design & implementation of trade-related climate measures & policies

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**TESSD Working Group on Trade-related
Climate Measures**

Principles for consideration in the design & implementation of trade-related climate measures & policies

- TESS has convened a diverse group of 20 eminent international legal experts on climate, environment, trade, and public international law to prepare a report that:
 - Identifies a core set of well-established principles of international law relevant to international cooperation on climate and trade, and to trade-related climate measures (TRCMs) & policies in particular.
 - Provides general guidance on the relevance of these principles to the design and implementation of trade-related climate measures and policies.
- The expert group is regionally diverse & all are participating in their personal capacities
- The focus is on principles that already exist in international law
- The group has adopted a broad definition of TRCMs (including range of border measures, regulatory measures and incentives)

Overarching objectives of the project

- Foster shared understandings & spur informed dialogue around principles
- Inform dialogue on trade-related climate measures at the WTO, including discussions at the WTO Committee on Trade and Environment, and in TESSD Working Group on Trade-related Climate Measures
- Contribute to reducing tensions and promote inclusive cooperation on climate and trade
- Inform debates and policymaking at the domestic level

Next steps

- Report to be published in June
- Proposed launch event in Environment Week alongside June CTE meeting
- Follow up briefings & roundtables on the report, including at WTO Public Forum