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Trade favouring low-emission and climate-resilient development

1. The Parties acknowledge that the urgent threat of climate change requires collective action for low-emission and climate-resilient development.
2. The Parties recognise the importance of international rules and agreements in the area of climate change, in particular the 1992 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the 2015 Paris Agreement. The Parties underline their commitment to contributing to the achievement of the objectives and goals set out in these agreements.
3. The Parties agree to promote the positive contribution of trade to the transition to a low-carbon economy and to climate-resilient development.
4. To this end, the Parties shall:
 - a) facilitate and promote trade and investment in environmental goods and services, such as sustainable renewable energy goods and related services, and energy efficient goods and related services, including through addressing non-tariff barriers related to such goods and services, the adoption of policy frameworks conducive to the deployment of best available technologies and the promotion of initiatives that respond to environmental and economic needs and minimise technical obstacles to trade;
 - b) effectively implement the WTO Environmental Goods Agreement (EGA) and in this context cooperate to reduce or, as appropriate, eliminate non-tariff barriers related to environmental goods and services;
 - c) cooperate as appropriate in relevant international fora, such as the UNFCCC, the Paris Agreement, and the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer;
 - d) cooperate, exchange information and share experience, i.a. on:
 - trade-related aspects of climate action, and means to promote mitigation and adaptation including through low-emission, energy-efficient and climate-resilient policies,
 - the development of cost-effective, clean, safe, secure and sustainable low-emission technologies, energy-efficient solutions, and renewable energy sources; sustainable transport and sustainable urban infrastructure development; addressing deforestation and forest degradation; emissions monitoring; market and non-market mechanisms.
5. Both Parties will actively promote the development of a sustainable and safe low-carbon economy, such as investment in renewable energies and energy-efficient solutions. The Parties share the goal of progressively phasing out inefficient fossil fuel subsidies that encourage wasteful consumption. Such a phasing out may take into account economic aspects and security of supply considerations and be accompanied by measures to alleviate the social consequences associated with the phasing out.

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Protection of the Ozone Layer and Measures Related to Hydrofluorocarbons

1. The Parties recognise that emissions of certain substances can significantly deplete and otherwise modify the ozone layer in a manner that is likely to result in adverse effects on human health and the environment. The Parties also recognize that hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) are replacements for the ozone-depleting substances (ODS) and potent greenhouse gases whose emissions are likely to result in adverse effects on the environment and climate.
2. Accordingly, each Party shall take measures to control the production and consumption of, and trade in, substances within the scope of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, including any future amendments thereto.
3. The Parties shall cooperate to address matters of mutual interest related to substances within the scope of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, including on:
 - environmentally and climate friendly alternatives to these substances;
 - refrigerant management practices, policies and programmes;
 - combating illegal trade in these substances.